

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Industry's Needs

THE disclosure by Mr Hui Ngok at Friday's opening ceremony of the Chinese Manufacturers' Union exhibition that in six weeks the Union collected 454 applications for new industrial sites (covering an area of over nine million square feet) may have come as a surprise to many. The figure, of course, represents a demand that has existed for many months. Shortage of sites and the high cost of available land have contained this demand and as Mr Hui points out Kun Tong, the area presently being reclaimed for industry, is unlikely to satisfy existing needs.

But it is generally accepted that there is still much scope for new industry in the Colony and although the completed Kun Tong project will do much to accommodate both new-comers and existing industries that are too cramped in their present location, it is essential to look ahead and if possible to keep abreast of prospective demand. No reclaimed land will ever be wasted and it seems reasonably certain that many foreign manufacturers operating under quite severe restrictions and handicaps in other parts of the Far East and Southeast Asia will be looking to Hongkong with growing favour as their difficulties increase.

WISELY the CMU agrees there is a need to utilise available land prudently and it has accepted the idea that manufacturers must now be encouraged to follow the general architectural trend in this Colony by building upwards instead of outwards. Government—or at least individuals in Government—have felt for some time that industrialists are wasting valuable land by building sprawling factories. And the answer, they feel, is the "flatted" factory or a multi-story building accommodating a number of separate concerns or several units of one under the one roof.

One objection that might be raised against this plan is that it will act as a barrier to centralised expansion of individual concerns that are, say, crammed into two upper floors of a "flat". This type of accommodation may therefore appeal more to large factories which can easily and profitably utilise five or six storeys. The idea is a good one, however, and deserves careful thought both by the Union and individual industrialists.

IT might help Government plan ahead if the CMU and possibly the Chamber of Commerce and other interested organisations launched a survey to find out the requirements of local and overseas manufacturers planning to establish operations here. This survey might also attempt to assess among other things labour and capital requirements and the type of accommodation required for their industry.

As far as Kun Tong is concerned the Governor believes "it is better to complete the undertaking in a thoroughly competent manner, rather than jeopardise its success by carelessness through overhaste." There will be ready agreement with this assertion. But Government will probably find, as Mr Hui predicts, that by the time the project has been completed new demands will be pressing; and it would be unwise to mark time on the opening up of new land if there is ready evidence that it will be quickly absorbed and put to good use. The survey should provide this evidence. Planning can then be undertaken to fit the plans of industry.

FAURE'S CHALLENGING PROPOSAL

New Power For French Assembly

GENERAL ELECTION PLATFORM

Paris, Dec. 4. The Premier, M. Edgar Faure, today sounded the leitmotif of the coming elections.

He told an audience in his East France constituency that he would ask the new Assembly to start its career by making its dissolution automatic whenever it overthrew a government less than two years old.

"If my initiative in dissolving the Assembly helps to give more stability to our governments in future, I shall be proud of having put my name to the dissolution decree," he said.

M. Faure is on popular ground here. His action in dissolving the Assembly has been widely welcomed by the people of France.

Ten years of almost uninterrupted inflation, military defeat in Indo-China, scandals in high places and a succession of 21 short-lived governments have created a widespread wave of anti-parliamentary feeling in the country.

May Become Mandate

If this issue is taken up in the constituencies in general, the new Assembly may find itself constrained under mandate from the electors to adopt M. Faure's reform.

If that happens, the present election may well prove an important turning point in the country's search for fresh strength after the devastating effect of the two world wars. Automatic dissolution of the Assembly when a Cabinet is defeated on a major issue before it is two years old is also a major plank in the platform of the Premier's chief opponent, M. Pierre Mendès-France.

The Lons-Le-Saunier branch of the Radical-Socialist Party adopted a resolution today expressing disapproval of the expulsion of Premier Edgar Faure from the party.

The resolution, which coincided with a speech made by M. Faure here today, assured M. Faure of the confidence and support of local party members.

Reds' Offer

The French Communist Party which has been urging an electoral pact with the Socialists formally proposed such an alliance in a letter published here today.

The letter was sent from the Party's central committee to the executive committee of the Socialist Party yesterday.

In it the party executive attacked the system of electoral alliances (which awards all the seats in a constituency to allied parties together they obtain 51 per cent of the votes).

But the letter said that in spite of all their efforts Communist deputies in the National Assembly had been unable to abolish the alliance system.

"We propose a party alliance between the Communist and Socialist parties in order to beat the forces of reaction," the letter said—Reuter and France-Press.

Demonstration Against Clerics

Montreal, Dec. 4.

Police scuffled with members of anti-Communist organisations at Dorval airport here today when three dignitaries of the Russian Orthodox Church arrived here from Moscow at the invitation of the United Church of Canada.

Police took down a banner which said "Red Church, Servant of Stalin" but the demonstrators, most of them members of Ukrainian organisations, unfurled three

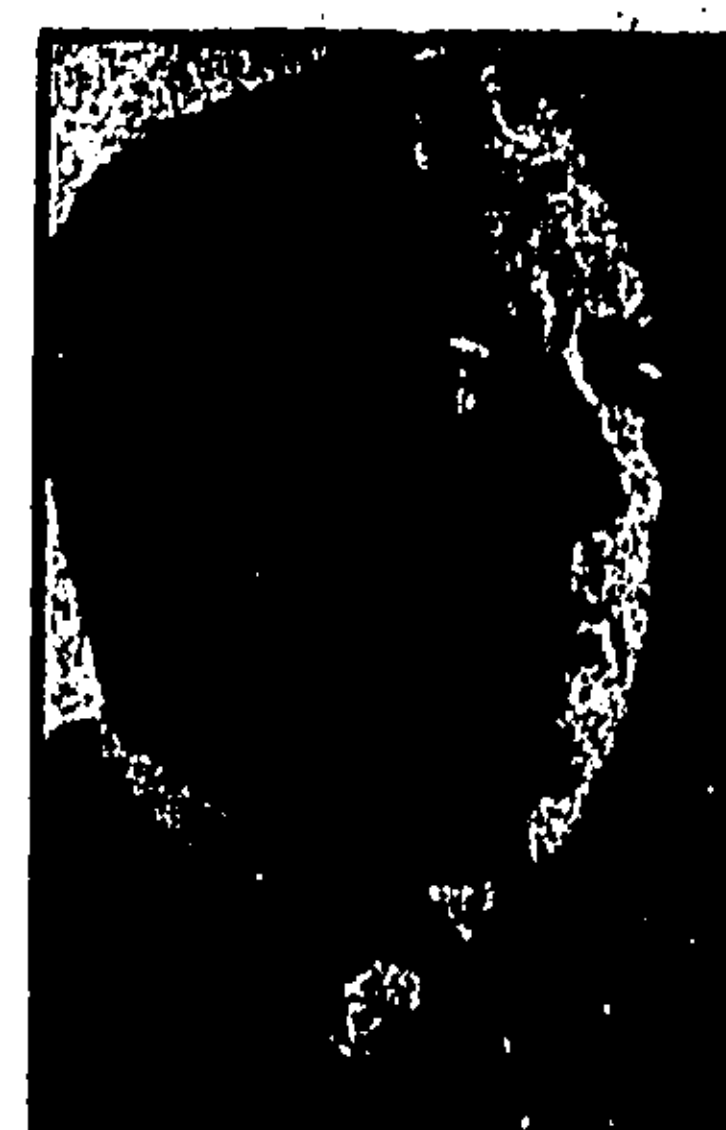
Menzies Strongly Tipped To Win Next Saturday

Melbourne, Dec. 4. Most political observers here predict that Mr Robert Menzies, Australian Prime Minister since 1949, will be returned for another three years in next Saturday's federal elections.

Mr Menzies, leader of the Liberal Country Party (Conservative) coalition, called the snap election on October 26 declaring that the government wanted a clear mandate on its economic policy.

It was believed in many quarters that the deciding factor in Mr Menzies' timing was an announcement by Dr Herbert Ewart, leader of the badly split Labour opposition, that he had been in touch with Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, on the Petrov espionage affair.

Mr Menzies had bitterly attacked Dr Ewart as a Communist supporter in view of the Labour leader's attitude towards the disclosures of Vladimir Petrov, former Soviet spy chief in Australia, who sought asylum.



MR MENZIES

The government is asking for a mandate to preserve Australian prosperity under a long-term, continuing economic policy and points to past performances as a guarantee of good faith.

Dr Ewart, whose party was ousted from power in December 1949, is promising an additional A£100,000,000 (80,000,000 sterling) in social services and other benefits if Labour is returned. He argues that any economic crisis is due to government mismanagement.

Mr Menzies, who has declared himself confident of victory, went to the country with an overall majority of seven seats in the House of Representatives. One well-known political correspondent today went so far as to forecast that the government might increase this to 30 in the new House.

Optimism among government supporters has been enhanced by the fact that Dr Ewart has been fighting a campaign on two points—against the solid Liberal Country Party coalition and against former members of his own party who broke away in a dispute over his leadership and formed their own anti-Communist splinter group.—Reuter.

Pianist Loses His Memory

Stuttgart, Dec. 4. Pianist Walter Gieseking has sustained a temporary loss of memory following the bus crash last Friday night that killed his wife, doctors said today.

They said he cannot remember events or things he said the previous day. But they stressed they are "convinced the loss of memory is not permanent."

The 60-year-old Gieseking's doctors refused to disclose whether he had been informed of the death of his wife, Anna Maria. But they indicated that if he had heard the news in his condition he might not be able to remember it.

They described his recovery as "normal" and said his injuries were serious but not critical. The German pianist's hands escaped injury in the crash.

The bus was carrying the Giesekings and 16 other passengers from Frankfurt's Rhein-Main airport to Ederingheim airport near here. The same thick fog that grounded their Rome-bound plane cut visibility on the autobahn superhighway and the bus smashed into a bridge support at 75 mph.—United Press.

Sensational Escape

Buenos Aires, Dec. 4. Jose Astoriano, former Secretary General of the Argentine Union and a former Peronista Deputy, made a sensational escape through the window of a lavatory on Friday night.

He was brought from the National Penitentiary at 8 a.m. by the National Committee of Investigation and later taken to the Union local at the corner of Antirrida Argentina and Wilson where he asked permission to use a lavatory. His guards went to look for him when he did not reappear but apparently he had jumped through a window and over a wall. It is suspected that one of the Mercedes-Benz taxis he used to reach the lavatory was waiting for him on the other side.—United Press.

Deportation Likely For Red Suspects

Manila, Dec. 5. Five Chinese Communist suspects rounded up in Cebu City last November 28 will be recommended for immediate deportation before the Deportation Board today.

The five against whom deportation charges will be filed are:

1. Ong Suy-tin, alias Susan Kho Ong, 24, a former pharmacy student at the University of San Carlos in Cebu City.
2. Ong Suy-ong, alias Lim Lee, sister of Susan and second-year chemistry student at the same university.
3. Tan Piek-chen, alias Felisa Tan, 23.
4. Zosima Ong, alias Go Siok-king, 19.
5. Lim King-liong, alias Chiu King-lak.

Murdered Teacher's Bag Found

Amlens, Dec. 4. The luggage and clothing of the murdered British school-teacher, Janet Marshall, were found in the Somme Department in Northern France today, about two miles from the spot where she was found strangled on August 28.

Miss Marshall, aged 29, a tourist, was en route back to England by bicycle when she was murdered in a wooded area at Belloy-Sur-Somme near here.

Since then the French police have followed several leads but so far have failed to find the murderer.

The luggage and clothing were found about four o'clock on Sunday afternoon, by a French soldier on leave, who noticed a satchel caught up in a bush in a lonely spot far from the road. Noticing that the label was in English, the soldier connected the satchel with the murder of Janet Marshall, and immediately informed the police in the village of Piquigny, who came at once to investigate.—France-Press.

ALGERIAN SITUATION CAUSES ANXIETY

Lyons, Dec. 4. M. Jacques Soustelle, Governor-General of Algeria, said in Lyons today that he was "anxious" about the situation created in Algeria by the latest developments in the political situation in France.

He said this was what he thought about in his trip to Algiers yesterday with Premier Edgar Faure, whom he would see again very shortly.

The dissolution of the National Assembly, decided by M. Faure's Government last week, automatically abolished the state of emergency decrees in Algeria. It also implied a return to normalcy in the Algerian situation.

Kidnapper's Wild Ride Ends In His Arrest

Chicago, Dec. 4. A 25-year-old knife-wielding kidnapper was captured today, and police began an immediate search for a young woman he admitted raping during a wild all-night ride in a stolen car.

Police identified the man as Patrick Dillon, a factory worker. He was seized as he entered his home on the South Side.

An all-out search was instituted earlier by Chicago and suburban police after Dillon forced five persons, including two women, into a stolen car and took them on a wild ride through the city's South Side and into the western suburbs.

Police said Dillon confessed to the entire episode as related by his victims. He was unable to explain any motive.

"I didn't know what I was doing," he said.

During the terrifying ride Dillon switched seating arrangements of his passengers twice and tried to force a mile victim to molest a second woman in the car.

Dillon said he could not remember details of the ride, but police held him for a complete statement.

SEARCH FOR WOMAN. He said he let his last passenger out of the car a few minutes before his capture. She boarded a bus and apparently headed for home, he said.

Police said, however, that the woman, Shirley Naddy, 25, had no known address and pressed a search throughout the South Side.

According to the account of one of Dillon's victims, Monte Anderson, 48, a cab driver, Dillon entered a South Side tavern brandishing a knife and forced him and the four other patrons into Anderson's cab.

Dillon assigned definite seating arrangements for all of them, ordering Anderson to take over the driving.

His other passengers were Robert Nelson, 37, his wife Mariah, 38, and Riley Miner, 21, all of Chicago.

ON LONELY ROAD. The last two known to have left the car before Dillon's capture were Miner and Mrs Nelson, who were ordered out on a lonely road in a far western suburb after Miner refused Dillon's command to remove Mrs Nelson's clothing.

They were picked up by a motorist who took them to the DuPage County Sheriff's office.

Anderson and Nelson, telling about the wild ride, said Dillon took over the wheel shortly after the ride started and headed south from the Chicago tavern. He pulled in to an alley, they said, telling them he had to see his wife.

Terrorists Warn Troops... "WE WILL HIT MUCH HARDER"

Nicosia, Dec. 4. Terrorists in Cyprus today followed up a series of raids, in which eight British soldiers were injured, with a warning to British troops to expect "much harder and pitiless blows."

The terrorists, campaigning for union of the British colony with Greece, fired on a camp at Ayios Ambrosios, 20 miles east of Kyrenia, threw a bomb at a tavern in Nicosia, ambushed a military patrol on a mountain road 20 miles southwest of Nicosia, and threw a grenade at soldiers in one of Nicosia's main streets.

HURL GRENADES. In the raid on the camp, in which two British soldiers were slightly injured, the terrorists opened fire with automatic weapons from different directions and then huddled, grenades at troops of the first Battalion the Leicestershire Regiment, who were guarding the camp.

The Governor of Cyprus, Field Marshal Sir John Harding, today imposed the first mass punishment on a Cyprus village under the emergency regulations proclaimed eight days ago.

COLLECTIVE FINE. The Governor drove personally to the village of Lefkonia, 25 miles east of Nicosia, and told the villagers a collective fine of £2,000 sterling was being imposed as a punishment for the burning down of a post office yesterday.

"The mass fine will be paid by all the village's male inhabitants. A curfew has also been imposed on the village, which will remain in force until the fine is paid, an official said.—Reuter.

PI TO SEE SUN'S ECLIPSE. Manila, Dec. 5. An eclipse of the sun will be visible in the Philippines at exactly 3:30 p.m. on December 14, it was announced this morning by the Philippines Weather Bureau.

The annular eclipse is one in which almost the whole solar disc is completely obscured by the moon's shadow with only the sun's edge visible, giving the appearance of a "ring."

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ATTEMPTS TO STOP VETO OVER OUTER MONGOLIA

West Asked Not To Supply Arms To Arabs
London, Dec. 4. British Jews today declared that the best means of establishing peace in the Middle East was by direct negotiations between Arab states and the state of Israel "unfettered by any prior conditions."
Executive officials of the British section of the World Jewish Congress passed a resolution on their ninth biennial conference here expressing alarm at the "gravely dangerous situation in the Middle East."
The resolution said the situation was due to "the reinforcement of Arab extremist attitude and aggressive intention towards Israel by the new supply of military aid by the Western powers to Arab states."
It added "the conference calls upon all the powers to cease supplying arms to the Arab states who openly declare their wish to use them for the destruction of Israel."—Reuter.

'Super-Chicken' Reared
New York, Dec. 4. A poultry rearing firm in Maryland has produced a "super-chicken" which eats less than its common fellows when it is alive and tastes better when it is dead.
The secret is in its food, which contains 12.5 per cent of chicken fat.
It is the poultry industry's answer to criticisms that "mass-produced" chickens are losing their "flavour."—China Mail Special.

Important Decisions
The two most important decisions taken by the Assembly so far concern the development of atomic energy for peaceful purposes and the study of the effect of atomic radiation on man and his environment.
Moves to set up a proposed international atomic energy agency were approved by the Assembly on Saturday.
It was decided to enlarge the group of eight "atomic powers" negotiating the setting up of the agency to 12 by adding representatives to the Soviet Union, India, Brazil, and Czechoslovakia to those of Britain, the United States, Canada, Australia, France, Belgium, Portugal and South Africa.
The resolution on atomic force was unanimously adopted with the decision to set up a 15-

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Yacht Club Portrait



Mr. Bernard Adams' portrait of the Duke of Edinburgh, painted for the Royal Thames Yacht Club. The portrait, which hangs in the entrance hall of the yacht club's headquarters, shows the Duke in yachting dress at the rail of the royal yacht Britannia. — Reuterphoto.

'Mrs America' Leads Tour Of E. Berlin

Berlin, Dec. 4. Ninety Americans led by "Mrs America" today visited East Berlin on a US Army tour to underline the American right of free movement here.
"Mrs America," Mrs. Romona Deitemeyer, was escorted on the Army bus tour by Lieut. James T. McQueen.

It was the defection one week ago today of McQueen, two Congressmen and the wife of one of the Congressmen, that touched off a Soviet-Western dispute on the rights of the West in Berlin now that East Germany is sovereign.

No Qualms
Three army buses spent 90 minutes driving through the Soviet sector of the city. The group stopped for 30 minutes at the Soviet war memorial where McQueen and three other Americans were detained by Communist police last Saturday.

There was no incident today as the three olive drab colour buses with American Army officers, enlisted men and civilians, toured.

"I had no qualms at all," Mrs. Deitemeyer said. "If the US Army cannot protect me then who can?"

Mrs. Deitemeyer, attractive 35-year-old mother of five children, was chosen "Mrs America" at a homecoming contest in Daytona Beach, Florida.

One of the prizes she won is her present tour of Europe.

East Berliners waved in a friendly way as the buses drove through the East. Soviet soldiers and East German police paid no attention to the Americans.

McQueen pointed out to Mrs. Deitemeyer the spot where he was "taken" into custody at airport "along" with representatives Edward P. Boland and Harold C. Osterberg and Mrs. Osterberg.

They were arrested on the grounds they broke an East

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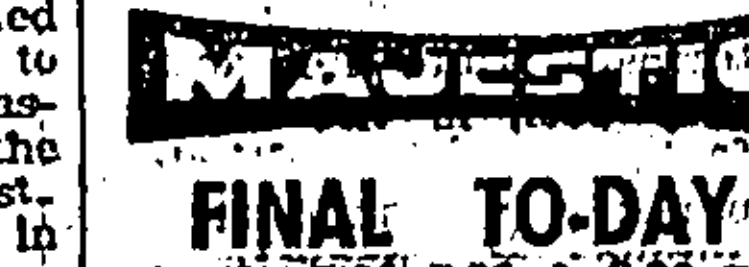


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'Transition' In East Germany

Berlin, Dec. 4. East Germany is going through the transition period of social development, as stated by Lenin, according to a statement of the East German Communist Party Politbureau, Fred Oelrichs.

The transition period is the stage between capitalism and socialism, during which "markets, trade, and currency circulation are permitted for the construction of socialism."

Referring to East Germany, Oelrichs said: "If we adhere strictly to the letter of the law, we will be unable to consider the social work politically, to understand that the sale of a pound of margarine is a political question, that we have over-estimated the part of the law."

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Truman Upsets State Dept

PRIVATE POTSDAM PAPERS.

Washington, Dec. 4.

The State Department has run into unexpected snags in its efforts to get an early look at former President Truman's private papers on the wartime Potsdam conference, it was learned today.

The delay, together with the oncoming 1956 election campaign, has jumbled the Department's timetable for making public its Potsdam documents and raised a question as to whether they will be published at all. Officials said no final decision had been made.

Some time ago, the Department thought it would be permitted to look at the Truman files on the 1945 Big Three conference at Potsdam soon after publication of the ex-President's memoirs, which have started appearing in several publications.

But latest indications are that the Department's historical "task force" will not be permitted access to the papers until the Truman Library in Missouri is opened to the general public. This is expected to be some time next summer.

Hornets' Nest

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and his aides have been pushing a Republican campaign to make public the papers on wartime conferences when the Democrats were in power.

State Department publication last March of the Yalta conference papers stirred up a political hornets' nest. Mr. Dulles was called before the Democratic-controlled Congress to explain how the Yalta papers had "leaked" and later were made public generally.

There is some suspicion in the State Department that Mr. Truman, an angry critic of Republican foreign policies, is in a hurry to co-operate with Mr. Dulles' historians. Mr. Truman was the top US representative at the Potsdam conference. Stalin represented Russia. Britain was represented by Winston Churchill and Clement Attlee.

Heavy Attack

State Department officials said they were seeking British clearance of some still-secret Potsdam papers which were of British origin. No effort is being made to contact the Soviets for any similar approval. Mr. Dulles will have to decide whether he will open up another political row by publishing the Potsdam papers. Already under heavy Democratic attack, Mr. Dulles has asked Republicans as well as Democrats to avoid "partisan excesses" on foreign policy in the 1956 campaign.

Over half the television viewers of Britain have remained faithful to the British Broadcasting Corporation, according to a poll taken recently. The BBC, publishing the results of its poll tonight, said 56 per cent of its television audience were still faithful BBC viewers despite competition by the two-month-old commercial television, run by the Independent Television authority. —France-Press.

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WESTERN GERMANY FORCED TO DEAL WITH COMMUNISTS

Bonn, Dec. 4.

Russia's refusal to renew permits for West German barges plying to isolated West Berlin was regarded by British sources here today as an attempt to force West Germany into increased contacts with the Communist East.

A British spokesman said that his country would have to study carefully the Russian's notice announced yesterday that permits for the barges would have to be issued by the East German authorities. Hitherto, the British secured them from the Russians.

Since the Russians declared East Germany a sovereign state, they have tried by various methods to gain West German and Western allied recognition for the Communist "German Democratic Republic."

The East Germans are reported to have said that renewal of the barge permits would require contact between the East and West German Transport Ministries.

Technical Contacts

This is in line with the Russian thesis put at the Big Four Geneva conference that the two German governments must get together themselves.

In fact, technical contact between East and West Germany

Successful Tour Of Russia

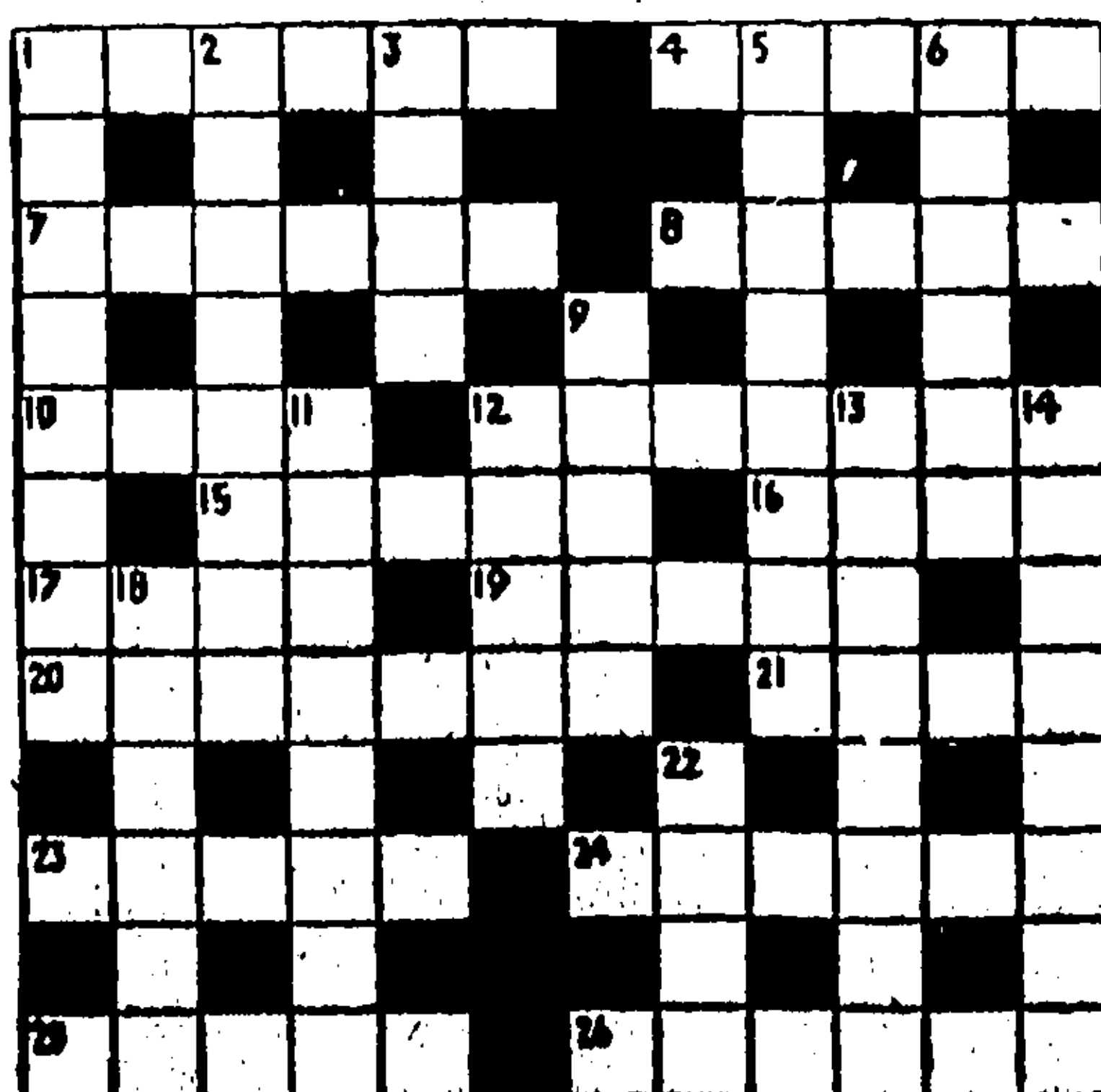
London, Dec. 4.

The first British acting troupe to visit the Soviet Union in 40 years arrived back here by air today wearing astrakhan caps and carrying armloads of tinned caviar.

Mr. Paul Scofield, who headed the 40-member troupe and played the role of "Hamlet," said the actors were mobbed by Soviet autograph seekers everywhere and were introduced to high-ranking officials such as Vice-Premier Anastas Mikoyan.

Mr. Scofield said Mikoyan was "charmingly witty." Mr. Scofield said he was not able to find a toy pistol for his 10-year-old son in the Soviet Union. He added "They (the Russians) obviously do not want to encourage their children to play soldier." —France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Remain united (8).
 - Climb (5).
 - Store room (8).
 - Splendid (5).
 - Settled an account (4).
 - Prejudiced (7).
 - Couch (5).
 - Ancestor (4).
 - Prevalent stone (4).
 - Heavenly body (6).
 - Legislation (7).
 - Certain (4).
 - Musical note (5).
 - Bird (5).
 - Baw (5).
 - Naw (5).
- DOWN**
- W. Indian songs (8).
 - Virego (8).
 - Dance (4).
 - Fondles (8).
 - Hang back (8).
 - Of less importance (5).
 - Swelling (8).
 - Breakfast food (5).
 - Placed (8).
 - Spotted (8).
 - Legion (8).
 - Book (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 1. Doubtful, 2. Terror, 3. Narrated, 4. Revealed, 5. Blue, 6. Repel, 7. Dared, 8. Ago, 9. Seasoned, 10. Submerged, 11. Channel, 12. Ties, 13. Down: 1. Storm, 2. Crown, 3. Donated, 4. Crave, 5. Baw, 6. Puddle, 7. Ledger, 8. Refuse, 9. Pledge, 10. Fumes, 11. Baw, 12. Baw, 13. Enemy, 14. Adult, 15. Baw, 16. Ago.

Embassies Join In American Xmas Pageant

Washington, Dec. 4.

Fifty-six Embassies will join in presenting religious services and colourful folklore programmes during the Christmas Pageant of Peace starting here on December 18, an official said today.

The two-week pageant will be ushered in at 10 p.m. when President Eisenhower pushes a button from his Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, farm to light the national Christmas tree.

Smithfield Exhibition Opens Today

London, Dec. 4.

Overseas visitors, particularly from Commonwealth countries, are expected in their hundreds at this year's Smithfield Agricultural Show—the world's largest indoor show of its kind—which opens here today.

But officials are puzzled by the visit of two Russians. A week ago, officials were advised by the British Minister of Agriculture that the Russians were coming to study Britain's agricultural methods.

The Foreign Office knows nothing about the men—Mr. D. I. Lazovsk and Mr. V. S. Smirnov—and the Russian Embassy in London can shed no light. "We are making inquiries," a Russian spokesman said. Little business is at present being done with Iron Curtain countries. Of overseas exhibitors, Germany is the largest with 12, followed by the United States, and a nationality group composed of the Rumanian-American Federation of New York and similar organisations.

HITCHCOCK MISSED PARTY

Singapore, Dec. 4.

Two hundred socialites entertained a cocktail party yesterday in honour of a man who wasn't there. Film producer Alfred Hitchcock had been expected here from Calcutta on Friday, but nobody remembered to inform the film group who organised the party that Mr. Hitchcock and his wife had disembarked from their plane in Bangkok.

A dinner party scheduled for last night for Mr. Hitchcock by film magazine *Loke Wan* was cancelled. —United Press.

Anxious Eye On Teenagers

Baltimore, Dec. 4.

So-called "love competitions" among teenagers in Northern Rhodesia are causing concern to parents and clergy. The contests, which bring prize money to the winners, are held in the townships, and are described as "a kind of dancing and betting party" which "attracts a large crowd of people." —United Press.



German Army uniforms were seen for the first time last week at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe—near Paris—when Lieut.-Gen. Adolf Heusinger, Chairman of the Supreme Military Council, Germany, visited General Alfred M. Gruenther, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. Gen. Heusinger is seen left chatting with General Gruenther. West Germany is now the 15th nation to be a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. —Express Photo.

Ike To Bless Union Merger

Washington, Dec. 4.

President Eisenhower will phone a greeting to jubilant labour leaders in New York tomorrow, giving the national blessing to Friday's merger of the American Federation of Labour and the Congress of Industrial Organisation into the largest trade union body in the "free world."

The greeting, from the President's farm at Gettysburg, will be relayed by loudspeakers to about 1,200 delegates from the two organisations who meet in New York to celebrate the first convention of the new "American Federation of Labour and Congress of Industrial Organisation."

Bitter Warfare

At one time, the division led to vast jurisdictional strikes and other forms of bitter inter-union warfare which President Roosevelt made frequent vain attempts to end.

Individual unions in the new federation, several of them with more than a million members each will continue to deal separately with employers' organisations as they have always done.

But the united labour movement will now be able to mobilise nationally greater moral, political and financial support for individual trade unions in the collective bargaining of contracts and if necessary, in strikes. —Reuter.

CUSTOMS SEIZE JEWELRY

Lahore, Dec. 4.

Pakistan customs officials seized jewellery and women's garments valued at 40,000 rupees from two kinswomen of ex-Foreign Minister, Sir Mohammed Zafarullah Khan, today.

The women whose names were not disclosed were stopped by officials at the border post at Wagan when they were en route back from New Delhi.

Officials recovered jewellery valued at 25,000 rupees, said worth 15,000 rupees, and a receipt from a jeweller in New Delhi for four items which cost 9,347 rupees.

Earlier, the two women allegedly misstated the amount of clothes and jewellery they were carrying when they entered India. —France-Press.

Spiritual Life

Another highlight will be the "Pathway of Peace" at the north end of the park. Many embassies as well as representatives from the 48 states and territories will have a table of symbolic "representing" the spiritual life of the nation. Decorating the pathway.

WORLD'S NO. 1 PLANT GETS READY

Towards The Eldorado Of Atomic Plenty

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

NEW power for Britain is about to be generated from the raging heart of a colossal uranium plant at Calder Hall, Cumberland—the world's first full-scale atom-power station.

Within a year this nearly completed £15,000,000 plant will be pumping electricity into the grid—electricity which will drive machinery, cook the breakfast, and heat the baby's bath water.

I have just inspected this 100ft.-high pile of tortuous tubes and concrete, which looks like the setting for a fantastic science fiction experiment.

AND I SAY: The people who waited that tampering with the atom could bring nothing but disaster should be made to eat the mud caked on the gun-boots of the 2,000 workers sloshing over the puddle-pocked site at Calder Hall.

Nor the known

LET me repeat, with pride: This is THE FIRST PLANT IN THE WORLD that will use fully tap the atom's power.

Comparing it with the tiny and over-publicised Russian plant is like comparing a super cinema with a magic lantern show in a village hall.

Britain built it—or, rather a handful of brilliant Britons did, proving that the scientists have more than the H-bomb to offer for their 10 years of labour.

Let us name them now—not the well-known atom figure-heads but the unknown men who have bent over drawing boards far into the night, have slogged about on the site in foot-deep snow, and have skinned their knuckles on concrete slabs.

The Men

TOP of the list is 39-year-old RICHARD VALENTINE MOORE, a war-time naval officer, who won the George Cross for his daring in disarming German magnetic mines.

While working as a new boy at the Harwell atom station, Moore thought out the design for the historic plant which has been built on the chocolate clay soil of what was formerly Calder Hall Farm.

When money was tight for power experiments, because it was needed for atom bombs,

Moore devised a brilliant compromise. It was a plant which would produce both atomic explosive for defence and generate electricity for the grid.

There would be no mountains of coal and no railway sidings in this power plant. A few lorry loads of uranium rods would do the work of thousands of wagonloads of coal.

Millions

MOORE, helped by 51-year-old South African BRIAN GOODLET, and guided by the principle that in atom work it is better to be safe than clever, designed his plant in detail.

His dream will soon be contributing at least 80,000 kilowatts of power for homes and industry. And it will make a dreadful explosive, plutonium, which the men up here on this desolate bit of coast offhandedly call "plute".

On the success of this project the Government has staked a further £300 million in a bid to lead the world.

The man who has done most to put Moore's dream into its impressive reality is ANDREW YOUNG, a tough, ruddy-faced engineer who at 62 can leave most of his younger staff breathless as he strides over the bulldozed acres or climbs the maze of iron stairs.

Explorers

PACKING him now is LEWIS SIRETCH, a barrister turned technician, who at 38 is the first man to hold the job of manager of an atom power-station.

Exerting general control is HENRY DAVEY, an unsung administrative genius.

Seen from one viewpoint this weird new building looks like some land-locked ship. It is a fitting resemblance. For it will bear close relation in history to the exploring ships of the first Elizabethans.

These explorers of the second Elizabethan age are still in Britain, but their destination is still Eldorado—the Eldorado of atomic plenty.

And it is not without its dangers. When the first uranium furnace here is slammed into action in a few months' time it will be as radioactive as 500 tons of radium. These crusading atom men realise that in the cold cubes of concrete and 200-ton steel boilers now being swung into place by giant cranes lies Britain's best hope for future prosperity.

Atomic power can benefit Britain more than any other nation and these men are doing all they can to grasp the opportunity.

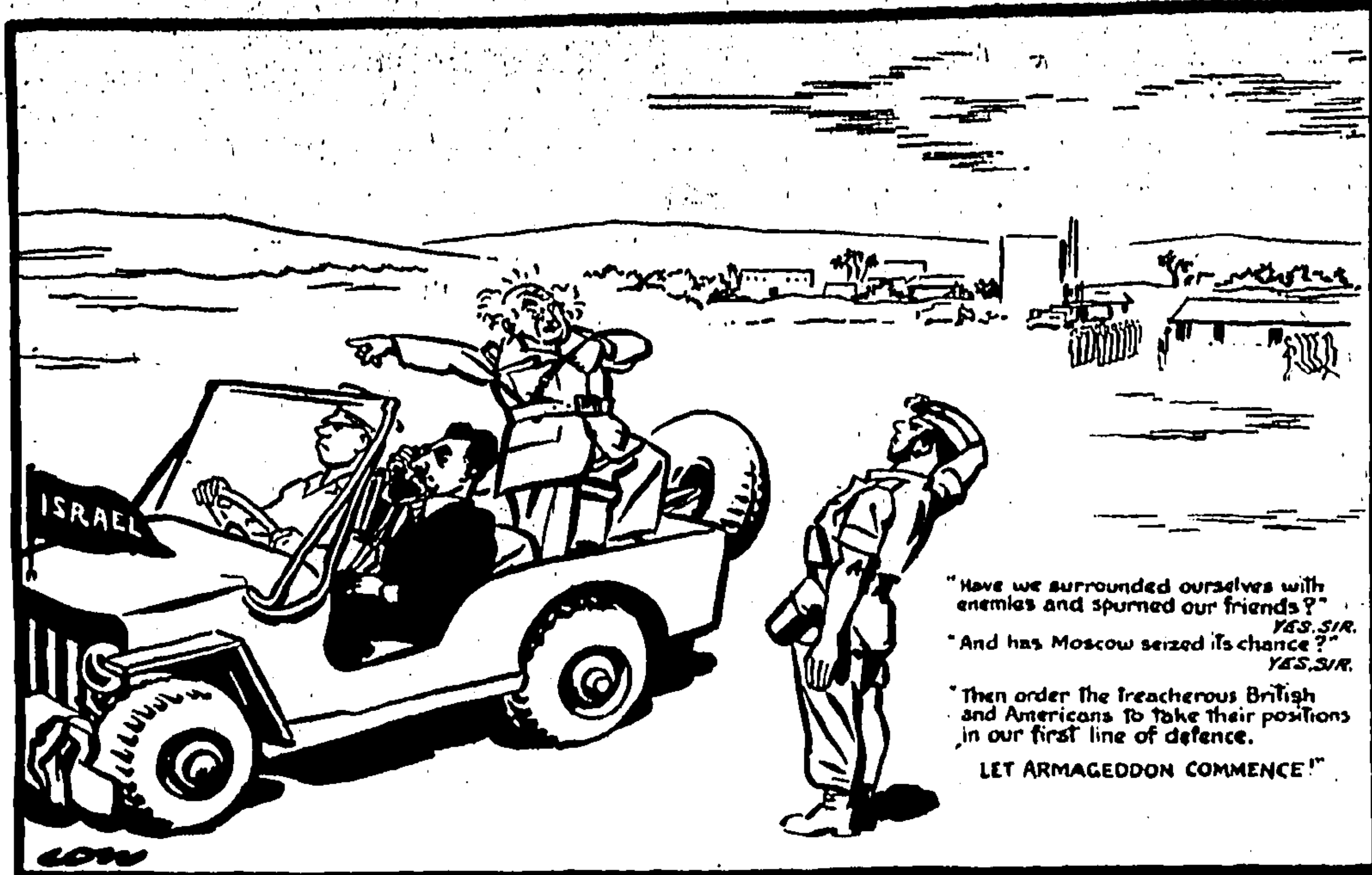
They are imbued with the conviction that the plant factories they are building will keep the peace through the deterrent power of the atomic weapons they produce, and make it bountiful through plentiful atomic electricity.

In short, they believe that the atom is much more likely to spell BOOM than DOOM.

AND I SAY: Surely, when the day comes for the button to be pressed to send the first surge of electricity into the grid the Queen herself should perform the ceremony.

The men up here have earned that distinction by their bold planning, unremitting effort, and quite astonishing enthusiasm.

TIP-OFF: Chalked on the innermost walls of the uranium furnace—which will soon be permanently sealed off—are some puny tips for recent races. I hope they are allowed to remain.



HEADQUARTERS, MIDDLE EAST

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The Frightened Girl Who Used To Be Queen

SHE FEARS KIDNAPPING, GROWING OLD, POVERTY

EX-QUEEN NARRIMAN, once the envy of tens of thousands of young women all over the world, today 22, is drifting aimlessly towards an uncertain future.

In her modernistically furnished third-floor flat at Geneva—a starting point of her whirlwind romance with King Farouk five years ago—she is seeking to revive the past, while apprehensive of what lies ahead.

I went to see her there and found the young former Queen of Egypt all but a bundle of nerves. Unhappy, lonely, and desperate.

Chain Of Problems

FOR a make-believe setting of bygone days, Narriman has surrounded herself with large silver-framed photographs of Farouk and of her 3½-year-old son, Faud, too, whom she is not allowed to see.

A coloured picture of herself in a frame bearing the Royal Egyptian crown and vases filled with tall red roses provide touches of regality in a strange contrast to the zebra-skin covered armchairs and low, off-white furniture.

Thus lives Narriman with her entourage of three—a secretary—

By
FREDERICK SANDS

cum-bodyguard, a lady companion, and a maid.

They occupy two communicating flats with eight rooms, of which one is furnished as a nursery for a child that is never there.

Fearful of the future and to reduce the hours of brooding to a minimum, Narriman seldom faces daylight before the afternoon.

A friend of the ex-Queen at Geneva said to me: "Narriman wants what she cannot have, and what she does not want. So she tries to sleep and forget."

More than anything else Narriman wants Farouk to take her back. And she says so quite frankly, admitting that to have left him was "my first big mistake."

Sometimes, in moments of her greatest despair, she sits for several hours facing her favourite photograph—it shows Farouk standing behind her under a large palm tree—as if to convey her innermost yearnings to him by way of mental telepathy.

She sees in this her only salvation—and the solution to an endless chain of problems she cannot otherwise solve. Yet she knows that there is little real chance and that her best hopes amount to no more than wishful thinking.

"After all," she said to me, "I must face the fact that I am still married to Dr. Nakhif (her second husband) and he refused to give me a divorce."

Why does Narriman fret so much? "I fear the future," she says. "And by that she means the return to her humble surroundings in Egypt either to the man from whom she is seeking divorce, the man she said she only married for convenience, or, alternatively, to live with her own middle-class family in Cairo."

For the one thing to which Narriman cannot blind herself are the limitations of her funds, which she has gambled against a life of comparative luxury in the hope that "something will happen" to straighten out her affairs.

But after one year—since her return to Europe in October 1954—her hopes have greatly diminished and her spending, limited by her own lawyer as "in the region of £3,000 a month" has brought her close to the end of the line.

Permanent Fear

BUT those are not all of Narriman's fears. She is no less afraid of growing old and of losing the good looks which once made her the Number One beauty of the Arab world. Today Narriman spends many hours engrossed in film magazines and the glossies of the world—just comparing.

She still sees herself as embodying the best of Lollobrigida, Marilyn Monroe, and Grace Kelly, her favourite stars.

And for reasons only known to Narriman, she lives in a state of permanent fear of kidnapping. Perhaps only a reflection of her vanity, Narriman, who as Queen of Egypt was under constant guard, today sees herself as just an ordinary person only because there are no burly plain clothes men to follow her very step.

Her appeal for "protection" to Swiss police when she came to Switzerland last year was politely rejected, whereupon Narriman was quick to finance



EX-QUEEN NARRIMAN

her protection from her own pocket in engaging a permanent bodyguard of her own.

Alarmed that she might be kidnapped and taken back to Egypt, Narriman hurriedly broke up a recent holiday at Beirut, Lebanon, and fled back to Switzerland after only four days.

This happened, according to her Swiss lawyer, M. Jacques Gervais, when Narriman heard that her husband had obtained a court order in Cairo which compelled her to return to him.

The news was published in a local Beirut paper four days

after Narriman's arrival in the Lebanese capital, where she went on a month's visit to her uncle, Mustafa Sadek.

"Panic-stricken, she left for Switzerland immediately, because she feared that, being so close to Egypt, she might be kidnapped and taken back," Mr. Gervais told me.

For a time after she had lost "everything"—her husband, her child, her country—Narriman maintained that the one thing she still retained and valued the most was her hope.

TODAY SHE SPEAKS OF HOPE NO LONGER.

STACEY
(The Paleface)
MEETS
STACEY
(The Walking Sky)

TOM STACEY, the Explorer, now living in Canada, reports a strange encounter for anyone who has ever seen a film about Red Indians.

IMAGINE yourself swinging into an Indian village, cram full of swarthy braves who perform daily war dances, waving tomahawks....and would you expect to come out attached to your scalp? Believe me, my friends, Paleface Stacey had the sweetest-evening experience on when he crept into Caughnawaga (pronounced Gargana-wargo), second biggest Red Indian settlement in Canada, on the St. Lawrence River.

But jolly my knees, from the moment I set foot in this picturesque wooden village overlooking its swirling rapids, I found myself among the gentlest lot of gentlefolk I ever met on my travels.

Not only was I the first tourist of the season, but right beside the tall lineoleum teepees (kind of elongated wigwam) which marked the start of the 12,000-acre reservation was a bar with the sign "Stacey's Restaurant."

HOW IT STARTED

Whom do you expect to see behind the counter in Stacey's Restaurant? Why, a very nearly full-blooded Mohawk Iroquois Indian by the name of Walking Sky Stacey, dealer in non-alcoholic beverages, beadwork and furs, light meals to 11 p.m., telephone Melrose 7-2212 ring three.

Walking Sky was a squat chap in jeans and sandals. His colour was a rich reddish brown, his nose finely curved, his hair black as a crow.

You could have knocked him down with one of those turkey feathers out of the headdress of the dummy braves who stood in the corner (full kit in cloth or leather \$7, rubberoid tomahawk extra) when he discovered he had one of his own clan in the shop.

It turned out that back in 1740, following a raid of this very tribe of Mohawk Iroquois, an American colonist named Stacey and his wife stopped an arrow case.

A small, squawking Stacey was strapped to a papoose board and borne back to camp to become an Indian in all but name and colour.

As Walking Sky Stacey, whose mother's line was less pure-blooded than his father's, explained: "I'm Indian on my Stacey side."

NOT IN TOWN

Before you could say Hawatha just about all the Staceys in this lozy, do-nothing village had assembled in Walking Sky's to greet me. They included Mrs. Walking Sky and two other squaws, dressed in jeans and tartan shirts—just like their husbands—bar the poms.

A number of other Staceys were not in town. They were out working on bridge-building the favourite occupation of the Mohawks. "We toasted the absent Staceys."

Someone said I ought to meet the biggest man in the village, Chief Poking Fire. He had been elected for the two-year term, and amounted to something quite important among Canada's growing population of 150,000 Redskins.

Chief Poking Fire, seated in a rocking chair upstairs in his living-room, was listening to hill-billy music on the radio.

He did not look much like an Indian, I thought, with his white skin, freckles, and turned-up nose—more like Sir Winston Churchill.

In spite of his looks the chief was a strong proponent of Indian culture. In the corner of the village he had set up an Indian "museum," marked by a plywood totem pole. It was there he led (as the notice said) "War dances every afternoon at 4—your will never forget it."

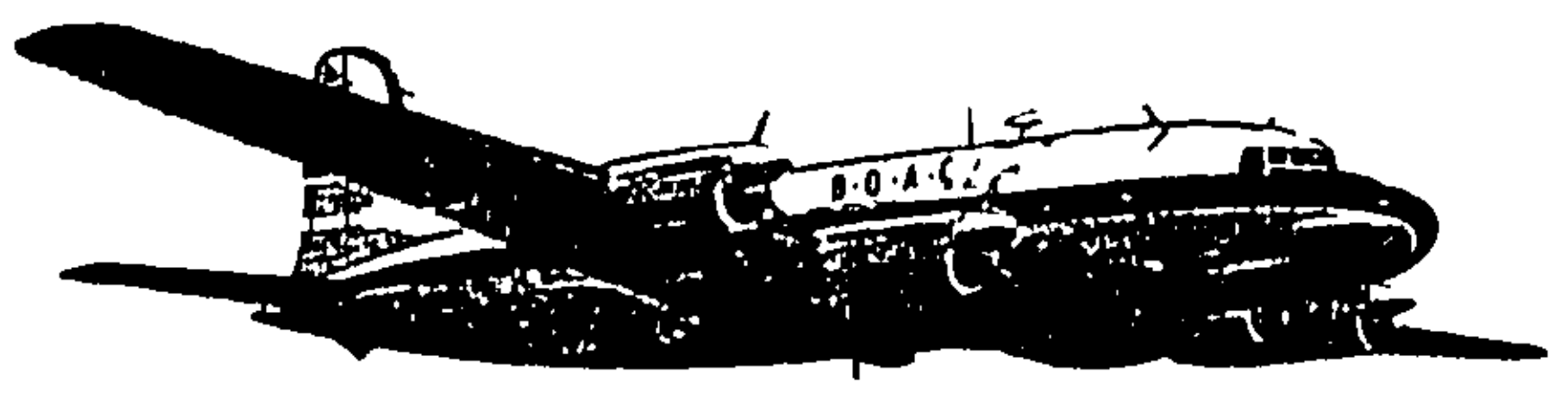
SECOND-CLASS

Over our hominy soup, made of maize boiled up with ashes, turnips, and cabbage, Poking Fire apologised for not offering me beer. "We're only second class citizens, you see," he said.

An Ottawa decree, grading them thus, has forbidden the sale of alcohol to Indians, who also have no vote. In place of these curbs, Indians on reservations are carefully protected: free medical care, employment aid, and exemption from all taxes, tolls, and American visa restrictions.

They made a relaxing companion the easy-going Stacey. But I had begun to wonder if the virile strain which had produced some of Canada's finest lawyers, doctors, and architects would not succumb to the sweet, non-alcoholic, semi-class citizens.

I mean—someone offers you something for nothing, you take it. But that's not the way to develop your muscles, either. There must be a growth of the will to resist the temptation of the free lunch.



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Equality For Women—Finnish Style!

By Lance Keyworth

I STOOD aside to let a group of housewives board a No. 8 tram in Helsinki. Suddenly I was winded by an elbow in my stomach. The women certainly got on and I waited for the next tram after being almost trampled underfoot.

The above incident took place in the rush hour in the "bad old days" of 1946-47 when everyone was war weary and there was less public transport than today. And now? Now the story is still the same, and the man who gives up his seat in a tram or bus to a woman is an object of curiosity so that you will hear the passengers whisper "as they

gape at him: "Must be a foreigner!" It is not that the Finnish male is lacking in courtesy. It is just that his womenfolk have dinned it into him that they want a land where equality of the sexes really prevails, and he has decided to accept this liberally.

Finland was the first country in Europe to give women the vote—in 1906—and that was the year when Finnish men were permitted to vote for the first time by their then Russian overlords.

Almost all schools in Finland are co-educational. The majority of married women go out to work. But when the husband comes home he puts his feet up and reads the evening paper while the wife goes to

dinner ready. Foreigners are always amazed to see the heavy work undertaken by Finnish women—brick-carrying, street-cleaning and hard factory work.

It is not surprising that Finnish women have believed themselves to be eligible for any job but that of an ordained clerk in holy orders. This particular exception has aroused the public interest lately.

At the time Miss Liisa Riipola, a Helsinki University graduate of theology, applied for ordination.

There is nothing in Finnish church law that specifically forbids female persons, but there was the first case actually to arise in the eight centuries. It was referred to the episcopal chapter.

For a week her application and her rejection by the court were front page news in the

country. The letters-to-the-editor columns had seldom been so lively. But it took one of Finland's 80 women MPs (out of 20) to remind her sisters that the priesthood was not the only profession banned to them.

This lady, who is Minister of Education in the present Government, remarked on Miss Riipola's case: "One must say that it is an odd situation, we have in our country when a woman cannot be ordained but nevertheless can be Minister of Education and even under her the Archbishop have, as is the case now."

The Minister of Education, Mrs. Tyne Leivo-Larsson, said that there are some archaic laws which are still valid and govern the employment of women. For example, Finnish women cannot be provincial governors, they cannot join the police force, and they cannot work as railway brakemen. The last point is closed to them because women's dress is not suitable for this kind of work.

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THIS INSPID SOCCER WAS QUITE UNWORTHY OF THE GREAT NEW STADIUM

By I. M. MacTAVISH

I wish I could write a long story in praise of our visitors from East Africa... I wish I could tell you that the two games they played during the week-end were thrill-packed feasts of soccer... and finally I wish I could tell you that Hongkong's representative sides rose to new heights in beating and drawing with the green-shirted boys from Mozambique... but if I did that I would be dabbling deeply in the realms of fiction.

Both games were great disappointments. The visitors were nothing more than a very ordinary club side that on occasion showed fleeting flashes of football skill: at the same time they also revealed many shortcomings and were far removed from the standard of teams like Grasshopper, Admirals, Aik, or Djurgarden.

On their credit side, however, is the fact that they play a fine sporting game, and their passing is attractive, and apart from the unusual amount of talking that goes on among the players, they conform very closely to the code of behaviour that we understand and follow ourselves.

The game on Saturday concluded with the opening of the new stadium and the pleasure that was derived from this event was tempered and clouded by the mediocre soccer that was served up to mark the occasion.

A COLD ARENA

I go on record now with the statement that unless there is some drastic change in official and spectator attitude the Hongkong Stadium is not going to be a football paradise. It is a naturally cold arena, irrespective of the weather, and the game is remote. The lack of intimacy between player and spectator puts a damper upon the excitement of the whole environment and in the second half yesterday it was just plain dismal.

There is a problem that has been time to time faced by sports promoters in the world over. Big Stadiums need big attractions, big crowds and big thinking to make them a big success. The wide open spaces in the stands are a natural enemy of the intimate atmosphere that is necessary for a successful game. The problem is to make the stadium a place where the game is played, and the crowd is part of it.

SATURDAY'S GAME

Just before 3 o'clock H.E. The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, performed the opening ceremony of the new stadium and then met the players and officials of both teams. A neat touch in the colourful opening ceremonies was the presentation of a bouquet of flowers to Lady Grantham by little Andy Mullen, who in true UK mascot form, wore full football kit in the Hongkong colours.

The early stages of the game were rather misty, with the forward line misting in several cylinders. Au Chi-yin, who came into the team when Ho Cheung-yu withdrew, was right out of touch, and both he and Yiu Cheuk-yn frequently lost control of the ball at vital moments. Mok Chun-wah also searched in vain for his normal form and the line as a whole was uninspiring and inept.

The visitors moved the ball about accurately enough in midfield but apart from an occasional long shot that made Wai Fat-kin jump, their finishing was weak.

To Chu Wing-keung fell the honour of scoring the first goal in the new arena and it was in fact a goal worthy of the honour attached to it. Sze-to Man did the leading up work and squared the ball across the field. Chu did it first time, and although tackled he managed to drive a fine shot into the net from several yards outside the penalty area.

This goal came in the 28th minute and five minutes later the home side was two goals to the good.

This time Mok Chun-wah was the scorer. Showing good anticipation he raced into the goalmouth to meet a long cross from the right. The goalkeeper got there first but didn't get a grip of the ball which broke loose; the little left-winger calmly pulled it back with his right foot and, as the keeper felt, he pushed the ball gently into the vacant goal. A good

goal and Mok's first real contribution to the afternoon's proceedings. This second reverse stung the visitors. For a time they piled on the pressure and eventually in the 38th minute Veiga rushed into the goalmouth to beat Wai Fat-kin.

LATE BURST

That finished the scoring for the afternoon and truth to tell there was little or nothing to remember about the subsequent play. The second half was a long drawn-out monotonous affair with only a late burst of very temporary enthusiasm by Hongkong's forwards to relieve the spiritless proceedings.

In the Home side Wai Fat-kin played a fine game and full-backs Sze-to Yiu and Lau Yee were always a think ahead of the opposition. Ko Po-keung played steadily in the middle but neither Chan Fat-hung nor Chow Man-chi for all their artistry were impressive at wing-half. Up front only Sze-to Man played with the keenness and forthrightness that we expect of players in a game like this. Yiu Cheuk-yn and Mok Chun-wah had well shirts at the end then it must have been from the trainer's sponge. It certainly wasn't sweet.

In the visitor's side left-back Franco was immense, with De Sa, Pontes, Onofre, Senra and Lage worthy of mention.

VERDICT

This was no better than just ordinary fare... quite unworthy of the great occasion.

TEAMS

Hongkong Selection: De Sa, Pontes, Franco, Onofre, Silva, Campesino, Senra, Lage, Vale, Ismael, Veiga.
Hongkong: Wai Fat-kin, Sze-to Yiu, Lau Yee, Chan Fat-hung, Ko Po-keung, Chow Man-chi, Sze-to Man, Chu Wing-keung, Yiu Cheuk-yn, Mok Chun-wah.
Referee: Major A. C. A. Walker.

YESTERDAY'S GAME

A vast, near empty, stadium greeted the players as they came out to be presented to Mr. John McKelvie, but he, to their credit, they contrived for a time at least, to serve up a much more enthusiastic offering than was the case in Saturday's match.

Morris came into the side to take Au Chi-yin's place and there was both pace and strength in the forward line. The visitors with four-team changes also moved the ball about with greater speed but the standard of their finishing was still a long way from that of their approach work.

Sit Pei-yin-Hongkong captain for the day—quickly showed good form and with McInnes, Yeung Wai-to and Lau Chi-lam combining well there was always a right-wing threat. White and Sze-to Man also struck up a good partnership on the left and the home side looked good enough to take the lead.

Take it they did but not until the game had been in progress for 33 minutes, nevertheless it was a goal worth waiting for. Some good man-to-man play took place in midfield and suddenly White moved over to his left to meet a good through pass from Lau Chi-lam. He controlled it quickly, beat his man, resisted a strong double challenge, and from the edge of the penalty area sent a beautiful left foot angular drive into the net.

Soon after this the visitors brought in two substitutes for the injured Veiga and Ismael. Fernandes took over the left-wing job with Senra in the inside position.

Just before the interval Lau Tim upended an opponent in the goal area and Onofre gave Tam Nai-huen no chance to stop his penalty kick.

That finished the scoring and if the referee had called a halt at the interval we would have been saved as dreary a second half as I ever expect to see. There was hardly an incident worthy of note and the final whistle was a welcome relief.

Tam Nai-huen and his back were sturdy and competent Colony defenders. Lau Tim, a little careless in his tackles, was a powerful pivot and on his right McInnes was the most cultured half-back of the opposition. Chen Chi-kong hardly looked ready for this class of soccer. If forward honours were awarded on the first half alone then all five home players would get a mention, but that insipid second half—punctuated only by a long drive from Lau Chi-lam—cancels out the first half memories.

Franco was again a great full back for the visitors, and again he got good support from Pontes and Onofre. Lage is a clever ball player and so is Senra, and Teixeira and Ismael... and Veiga... but how profitless and negative it all is.

VERDICT

The game started like a bang... but finished like a deflated blimp. The East Africans play "nice" football... decorative... but Oh so negative... but let's not forget we were little better.

TEAMS

Hongkong Selection: Tam Nai-huen, Bau Chi-ping, Sit Pei-yin, McInnes, Lau Tim, Chan Chi-kong, Yeung Wai-to, Lau Chi-lam, Morris, White, Sze-to Man.
Hongkong: Alvis, Pontes, Franco, Onofre, Silva, Campesino, Teixeira, Viana, Lage, Ismael (Senra), Vega (Fernandes).

American Club Beat Shek O

Playing at Shek O on Saturday, December 3, a team from the American Club defeated Shek O Country Club by seven matches to two with one halved. The trophy played for was presented by the American Club in 1951 and this is the first year the American Club team has been successful.

HOLE IN ONE

G. W. Jones, playing on November 24, holed his tee shot at the 137-yard sixth hole at Shek O, and paid the penalty on his return to the clubhouse. The results of the Stableford pools held during November were: ("A" Section) B. R. Barter with 41 points and ("B" Section) G. W. Jones with 43 points. Runners-up were R. J. Newton, 39 points, and B. Harrison, 37 points.

The successful competitors in the first round of the Archie Lyle Cup are reminded that the second round must be completed on or before December 11.

Art Larsen Beaten

Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 4. Argentine Champion Enrique Morera today defeated Art Larsen, United States, in the Men's Singles final of the Inter-national tennis tournament held here.

Ingrid Metzner, Brazil, won the Women's Division defeating J. Tort, Chile, 6-0, 6-4 in the finals—United Press.

SATURDAY RUGGER

RAF Mainland Score Comfortable 30-6 Win Over Club "A"

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday afternoon RAF Mainland with Lamb and Page back in the lineup romped home to a comfortable 30-6 point win over Club "A". The other Air Force team, RAF Island lost by 15 points to 8 points to the HK & K Garrison, though near the end of the game it seemed likely that they would emerge the victors.

As expected both the Gunners and 48 Brigade were winners by fair sized scores, but both of their opponents, the Club "B" and the Navy respectively deserve praise for the struggle they put up against overwhelming odds.

The other week I fulminated against the late arrival of players, much to the annoyance of a certain gentleman. On Saturday yet another three games started late. At Kai Tak both the Garrison and Club "B" failed to turn up on time.

The Club "B" players who were responsible for the game not starting on time have no excuse for this as their game was scheduled to start at 4.00 p.m. and this should have left them with sufficient time between lunch and the kick-off to get to the ground at the correct time.

The other game that was held up was at Boundary Street, where the referee was not on time, but here there was a very reasonable explanation, and no blame can be attached to the referee. And now to the games themselves.

RAF Island v HK & K Garrison
The Garrison had the advantage of the set scrums and the lineouts in this game, but in the loose they were never in the picture. The passing of the Garrison three left much to be desired, and the RAF were quick to intercept passes and take the ball when in the loose. The Garrison pack was much heavier but this advantage was nullified by the fast, breaking and ferocious tackling of the Islanders wing forwards.

Southwick in particular was a shining light, and Woolf really got stuck into it, and played his best game this season. At one point it seemed the Airman would take the lead for a fine move saw them in possession with only ten yards to go, no defenders in sight, and three men backing up.

But what happened. Lately people have been praising the drop goal. Personally I disagree with this. The first point of the game is to score a try, and it is with this object in view that the present system of three has been built. For not only are three points awarded, but another two can, as everybody knows, be added by a con- version.

EASY TRY

The player in question, with an easy try in front of him, decided to drop a goal. He missed.

missed, and the Airman went back with their tails between their legs, and the Garrison grabbed their chance and added another two tries in the closing minutes. Best of the Garrison forwards was Dowling, an inspiration to his teammates, while Carter on the wing had some very nice runs, and would have been more successful with a better service.

The Airman opened the scoring, when Colgan intercepted a pass (?), and took the ball then sent Woolf over well missed. The conversion was missed.

A few minutes later Phipps levelled the score with a penalty kick which travelled at least forty yards. Having shown what he could do Phipps then put away his scoring boots for the rest of the game. 3-3.

Then the Garrison took the lead, when an orthodox three move from a scrum fifteen yards from the Islanders line saw Owen-Smith score well out. The conversion was missed. 6-3.

After about seven minutes of the second half had passed the Garrison lengthened their lead when Garrison heeded from a loose scrum just inside half-way, and the ball travelled out to Carter who, with a nice run, scored in the corner.

This run of Carter's took him through three tackles by the RAF backs, but they were weak tackles, and the Airman deserved to lose those three points.

Then came the Islanders' attempted penalty following which the Garrison pressed and a five-yard scrum was formed and the Garrison's weight carried them across the line where they dropped on the ball. The conversion was missed. Finally a cross kick was gathered by Carter who scored in the corner. The conversion was missed. 16-6.

Gunners 25, Club "B" 0

The Club "B" were outclassed in nearly all departments, though their forwards shone in the loose, and Steward with some nice touch kicking kept the Gunners to the centre of the field. In the back Club "B" seldom had a chance to get going, but Graham and Lisle were towers of strength in defence, and their tackling was excellent.

Another weak point that appeared in the Gunners side, and was exploited by the Club "B" was the loose. The Club "B" did not get much of the ball but they were breaking through the line with Elliott and Flaxman in the van and giving Glen quite a lot of bother. In the Gunners Collett was once again the best with Hill and Wynn both scoring to good advantage. The Gunners were at times inclined to crowd their wings, which was to the Club "B" advantage, for it meant they only had to wait for their man, instead of having to get across to him.

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Just before half time Spencer of the Club was injured and with a man missing from the defence what little hope the Club had of winning quickly vanished.

48 Bde. 23, Navy 0
No question here what was the better side. 48 Brigade were superior in every department, though the Navy held a 12-6 point lead in the first half. The Navy were forced to bring in three new men at the last minute, one of whom Carter who has never played before is very definitely first class material. Beyond the set scrums the knowledge of the laws was slight but he showed up a few of the others who should have been superior to him. He was fast and always up with the play and his tackling was very good. On the whole, though the Navy were not disgraced, they fought like lions, and even looked as if they would score at times, but their attacks faded away.

The Brigade were excellent. Their three set forwards combined well with Ribby and Sharpe giving the former a lovely service. The forwards got nearly all the ball and were always backing up. In all, they were the best of the Brigade, though it is only fair to say that the rest of the three were almost his equal.

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The ball would finally arrive in front of the batsman after a confident and graceful delivery. The later batsmen, particularly Rideout and Birch, discovered that they could follow the ball all round and over the wicket. They found the best thing to do was to swing round in a full semi-circle and hit him to longstop.

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The Glorious Uncertainties Of Cricket

By "RECORDER"

The glorious uncertainties of cricket have often been explained to me, more often by Archie Zimmerman than anyone else, but after the first ever match between the South China Morning Post, Ltd. and Radio Hongkong, in which this columnist participated, they have finally dawned on him.

The only press report on this match that has so far appeared was a rather timid account in a morning contemporary. This report gave much credit to the fact that the "Postscript" won by six wickets, did mention a certain "gay and carefree spirit" that prevailed, but made no mention whatsoever of the really light-hearted batting that finally brought the Postscript's score up to 170 before tea.

If it wasn't for the efficient scoreboard and signals staff at the Hongkong Cricket Club at Chater Road, many of the Postscript's later batsmen would have batted in vain, completely ignorant of the runs they had scored unless they had kept close count of each single and each boundary.

Many great performances were left completely unrecorded. It was not generally known until this afternoon that Dick Labrum reached an undecoded 49. His last scoring stroke, a six into Jackson Road, so completely unnerved him that he ran back to the pavilion, many thought for another bat.

The Radio Hongkong team waited a few minutes and finally decided that this great batsman had been attracted by the smell of a sandwich that hadn't yet reached their own nostrils. They trooped in to tea to discover that Dick-Will-Hit-Today Labrum had prematurely retired, nobly refusing his half-century, under the misimpression that there was one more Postscript batsman to come in who would have a chance of knocking out the ninth wicket partnership looked good for much more.

In doing so the Postscript's skipper did a great injustice to his 10th wicket partner, who never came nearer to reaching double figures for the first time in his life. It is true he only scored four, all skilfully executed off the edge, of his bat all round the wicket, but, having an access to this man's mentality that others do not, I can say quite truthfully that never had he felt more confident of reaching those double figures.

One must mention the contributions of John Prettejohn, in his day a great sixth wicket down batsman good for 40 every other week, who reached 18, and of Robert Liu, who punished the Voice's bowling with the same fair aim with which many a Headmaster swings a cane for a very useful 28, probably the highest score of his life.

NOTE OF CHIVALRY

Mention of Bobby Liu recalls the fact that there was a note of chivalry about this game. For Radio Hongkong's Sheila Rideout's worse half Edwin scored a very useful 13 runs for the China Mail's Linda Roberts, worse half Vernon wasn't in his usual good form with the bat, scoring five only against much the very same type of bowling on which the later batsmen went to town.

Vernon Roberts' bowling was really something out of this world. It was so slow that at one stage two snails actually started out from the pavilion end with great optimism, hoping to arrive in time half way down the wicket to get a ride on the ball.

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Radio Hongkong side. I understand that he is unlikely to appear as an announcer over Radio Hongkong till it starts its TV programmes. His 35 was a very useful contribution and the sporting decision not to use him as a wicketkeeper may well have lost the match for Radio Hongkong.

The holding was surprisingly good for a match of this calibre. "Brig" Young, despite the fact that he was not properly dressed for cricket, performed extremely well, often using his feet to advantage in the best traditions of football.

The most sporting person in the match was Radio Hongkong's David Lytle, who permitted a substitute to bat for him but refused to have one in the field.

Which leaves one to reflect on how many batsmen there are in this Colony who would never permit a substitute to bat for them while they scored. It is more than happy to have one field and give them enough time to make the last three runs.

It is a pity that we can't say who was Radio Hongkong's most successful bowler. It is sufficient to record that their four bowlers did not wilt throughout and one does not recollect any wickets or no balls. The earlier batsmen did not find John Wallace easy to play, but the later batsmen, taking a tip from Robert Liu, stepped out to him with advantage to their own scoring-potential. Mike Carr looked just about the Voice's best bowler. He will certainly drag the ladies to the TV screens faster than "Sonny" Ramadhin ever did.

LEAGUE CRICKET

A full programme of League Cricket matches was also played over the week-end, not a single one of these producing an interesting finish though we chased over three grounds in stretch of one.

Recreio reached a very comfortable 134 against the Opusists at Chater Road, only to find Hong Kong's batsmen a stumbling block with 51 and lose by two wickets.

KCC surprised themselves by getting Army South out for a meagre 121 runs at Soekunpo, then sentenced another miserably for 45 runs against Nash (6 for 18) and Fox (4 for 28), aided by some very keen fielding. Withall scored 52.

Army North flogged the Craigiepower bowling through the tune of 182 for 8 at Happy Valley (Alcock 78, Howard-Dobson 52) and Greenhalgh (6 for 23) and Lipscombe (4 for 37) had an unpredictable batting side out for 68.

IRC batted much too long a time against the Police at the Valley for 164 for 8, which helped the batting averages of Carl Mett (49) and B. H. Karl (60), but a fine wicket partnership of 55 between Brearley and Remton took the sting out of the Indian bowling and, though the IRC bowlers got going later, only a tame draw was the result.

Scorpions had Navy out for 57 at King's Park and then lost six wickets for 60, a recently landed sailor, Herbert, taking 5 for 9.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

The following are the League Cricket standings including all games played over the week-end.

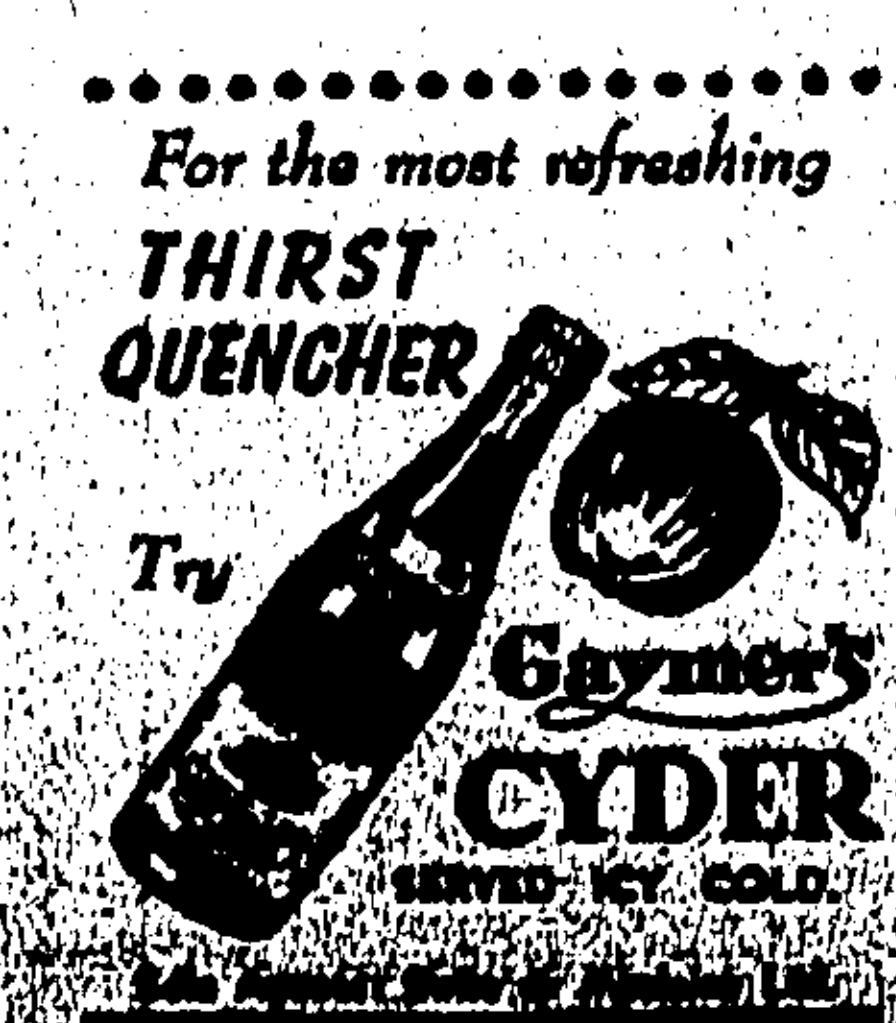
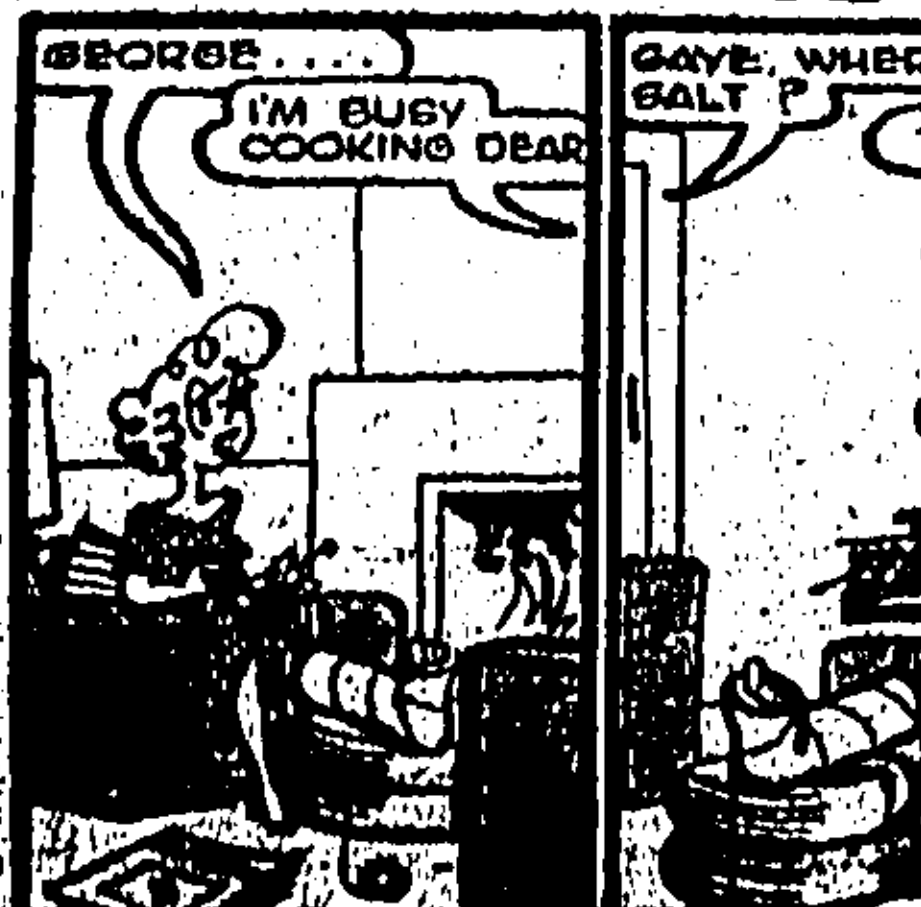
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Team	P	W	L	D	PP
Army "South"	8	0	0	0	0
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Scorpions	8	0	0	0	0
RAF	8	0	0	0	0
Opusists	8	0	0	0	0
Police	8	0	0	0	0
KCC	8	0	0	0	0
Recreio	8	0	0	0	0
Navy	8	0	0	0	0

SECOND DIVISION

Team	P	W	L	D	PP
KCC Home	8	0	0	0	0
RAF Home	8	0	0	0	0
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Scorpions	8	0	0	0	0
Opusists	8	0	0	0	0
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KCC	8	0	0	0	0
Recreio	8	0	0	0	0
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THE GAMBOLS



Ewart Potgieter Retires

London, Dec. 4. Ewart Potgieter, 7 ft. 2 in. South African heavy-weight, who had been hailed as a future world champion, decided today to retire from boxing. He is 22. At his London hotel, the huge 23-stone giant said he had enjoyed fighting at the beginning, "but I'm fed up with it now."

Potgieter has had ten fights as a professional. He won nine—all inside the distance—and fought a draw in his last bout over ten rounds.

Asked why he had decided to quit the ring, Potgieter replied: "There are many reasons. I have never been hurt myself in the ring and I don't like hurting others. I'm going back to South Africa to my parents in Natal—I think I'll become a farmer again."

—Reuter.

McCool May Captain Somerset Next Season

London, Dec. 4. Colin McCool, 40-year-old former Australian Test cricketer, may captain Somerset next season, his first with the English County club.

McCool, with 14 Tests and two highly successful years in English League cricket, now has the necessary residential qualification to play for Somerset.

And it is quite on the cards he will take over the captaincy of the County eleven. Stronger things have been known to happen.

Present skipper Gerald Fordoff is quitting because of business and does not seem to be any first-class amateur available to take over.

Somerset, poor relations of the English County scene, recently advertised for an assistant secretary.

Two years ago the club offered £1,500 a year plus expenses and a house in Taunton to a certain England amateur if he would act as secretary-captain. They were unsuccessful.

If Somerset's latest bid falls through, they may follow the example of other Counties and appoint a professional skipper. And that is where McCool comes in.

EXPERIENCE

He has the experience to help the team off the bottom of the Championship table where they seem to have become a permanent fixture after four successive years.

Or they may offer the captaincy to a professional Maurice Tremlett.

Whatever the club decision—and it would certainly be unprecedented if they brought in an Australian as skipper—McCool, with his brilliant batting ability and teasing leg-breaks should prove a definite capture.

Think what other "foreigners" have done for English county clubs.

Nottinghamshire looks a mighty improved combination since the arrival of Australian leg-spinner Bruce Dooland and Ceylon all-rounder Garmali Goonesena.

Dooland wrecked the hopes of many of Nottinghamshire's opponents last season, and he was also no novice with the bat. Goonesena was the first player to achieve the doubles last season—1,000 runs and 100 wickets—though many of his figures were made with Cambridge University.—China Mail Special.

Russians Still Unbeaten At Ice Hockey

The Hague, Dec. 4. The touring Russian national ice hockey team beat a side composed of Canadian players in Europe by six goals to two here tonight.

The Russians have won all matches played so far on their European tour.—Reuter.

Inter-Hong Bowls

The following are the results of Inter-Hong lawn bowls matches played yesterday.

M. McKay and W. Riley (Kowloon Dock) beat Gutteres (O'Leary & Co.) 31-13.
A. Bailey and E. Robinson (RASC) beat W. McKay and C. Moloney (Tatler Dock) 15-10.
W. Giffney and R. S. Goultay (Kowloon Dock) beat A. L. and C. E. Paine (Standard Oil) 37-18.
R. Arden and J. Thudall (O'Leary & Co.) beat H. Finney and P. D. Angus (Island Revenue) 25-11.
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A. Grant and A. Campbell (Kowloon Dock) beat P. Kennedy and P. Paine (Kowloon Dock) 15-11.

Goalkeeper-Charging Rule Likely To Be Altered

Says VERNON MORGAN

London, Dec. 5. Though a general opinion is that the "foot brawls" match between Wales and Austria at Wrexham is best forgotten, possibly one good thing emerged from this "rough house" and that is that the charging goalkeeper rules may be altered.

It will be surprising if the members of the International Football Federation do not shortly introduce legislation to stop forwards charging goalkeepers even fairly as a direct result of this match.

It will be recalled that the whole trouble began when the Welsh forwards set about tackling the Austrian goalkeeper from the first whistle in a distinctly resolute manner. Their intent seemed to be to intimidate the man between the posts and so make it easier for them to score.

But that was not the original intention of the rule, operating now only in Britain and the Commonwealth.

It was framed to prevent goalkeepers wasting time and to give a forward the chance of bustling the man with his ball into the net when on the line. It was never meant to allow forwards to go for the goalkeeper yards out of his goal with bull-like charges.

True, referees are supposed to check all fouls and ungentlemanly play, and they could caution and then send off those charging the goalkeeper recklessly and unfairly. How much better to do away with the rule altogether and let the custodian of the net have a free hand. He has a tough enough job as it is without allowing forwards to make his life even tougher.

TOO MUCH SCOPE

There are those who say that to change the rule would allow the goalkeeper too much scope and let him waste time, but here again the referees are empowered to intervene.

Indeed most think it would be preferable, if necessary, to amend the rules to give the goalkeeper less scope and ban the charging rule.

How seldom does one ever see goals resulting from these charges? So seldom that it does not matter. The reward it brings is negligible, but the damage it can cause is shown at Wrexham is incalculable.

Even if the British want to retain goalkeeper charging for their national matches and home internationals, it should be banned from all matches in which teams not accustomed to playing it are taking part, in the view of most British sports writers and leading soccer officials, even though opinion is not unanimous on the subject.

Here are some opinions: Stan Cullis, former captain of England and manager of Wolves: "The points against charging are overwhelming. It is outdated. But the goalkeeper should be asked to clear quickly."

Matt Busby, former captain of Scotland and now manager of Manchester United: "A goalkeeper with possession of the ball should be allowed to add construction to the game by an intelligent, unimpeded clearance. I tell my players to make him part with it quickly but never to charge him."

Cliff Britton, Everton manager: "It has long been accepted in England but in international matches, which should be true exhibitions, it should be cut out completely."

Billy Walker, former England captain and now manager of Nottingham Forest: "I say leave the goalkeeper alone."

GOOD FOOTBALL

Jesse Carver, manager of Coventry, who has trained many European teams, says: "You can play good football without charging goalkeepers."

Arthur Ellis, world famous referee: "If the FIFA decides to cut out charging the goalkeeper, then they should make

HOCKEY

Hongkong Army Teams Beaten At Macao

Macao, Dec. 5. "The Hongkong Army 'A' and 'B' hockey teams lost their games against the Macao Hockey Club 'A' and 'B' teams 5-1 and 1-0 respectively yesterday.

Both were charity games, the funds collected going to the Macao Rotary Club's benevolent fund.

In the "A" game, Hongkong was down 2-0 at half-time.—France-Press.

RUSSIA WINS

Calcutta, Dec. 4. The Russian football team Moscow Lokomotives beat an Indian XI by two goals to nil here today.

The Lokomotives led one-zero at half-time.—Reuter.

HOW TO HOLD IT



A New Territories athlete is shown how to hold the javelin by Bob Mathias at his exhibition at Boundary Street last week.—China Mail Photo.

America's AAU To Conduct Special Hearing Of Santee Charges

Louisville, Kentucky, Dec. 4.

The Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, facing up to worldwide criticism of professionalism in American athletics, voted today to conduct a special hearing of charges against crack miler Wes Santee.

The AAU, winding up its 68th annual convention here, also voted to crack down on promoters of amateur athletic events who create such situations as the Santee case by offering amateur athletes excessive expense money or other illegal payments.

Top AAU officials agreed that the Santee hearing would have a tremendous and perhaps far-reaching effect on the course of all amateur sports in the United States.

James Rhodes, past president and executive board member of the AAU, said: "The day has come when we cannot besmirch a young athlete without a fair and just hearing. It takes two parties to commit a bribery. The sponsor who makes illegal payment is just as guilty as the boy who takes it—and the AAU is lax in letting it happen."

Santee, former University of Kansas runner now in the Marine Corps, was suspended last summer by the Missouri Valley Registration Committee for accepting too much expense money from sponsors of track meets at Washington, Philadelphia and in California.

Although Santee openly admitted taking the money, which amounted to about \$500, he was reinstated by the Missouri Valley AAU Board of Governors.

The National AAU Executive Committee looked into the matter at the convention here in four days of heated discussion behind locked doors. The Committee emerged with the recommendation for a complete investigation and hearing of the case.

HK Beat Macao At Table Tennis

Macao, Dec. 4. The Hongkong touring table tennis team beat Macao by 5-2 in the Men's Singles and 2-1 in the Ladies' Singles in the 1935 Interport tournament held here last night.—Reuter.

Mathias Leaves For Taipei

Lieut. Robert Bruce Mathias, twice decaathlon winner in the 1948 and 52 Olympics, left for Taipei by CAT yesterday en route to Japan in the course of his tour round the world giving demonstrations on field and track events.

He said he was pleased and enjoyed his visit here, adding that the Colony have some very good athletes.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Dinner for Portuguese East African soccer team at Winner House, 8 p.m.

TOMORROW
Golf
Tennis Cup second round.

WEDNESDAY
Rugby
Gunnery V Rest of Army under footling at Club ground at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY
Club Football V Inter-Hong at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY
Club Football V Inter-Hong at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY
Club Football V Inter-Hong at 7 p.m.

MY BOXING SECRETS

A MAKER OF CHAMPIONS TALKS AT LAST

By JOHNNY BEST

Ginger Foran, milk-white except for his hair, and looking like a wide-eyed baby, waited for the timekeeper to start the fight.

The bell went. He hurried from his corner to meet Jim Maharg, Scottish Flyweight Champion, a dour little fighter who had never been knocked out in his life.

They hurried around each other for a moment as flyweights will.

Suddenly, little Foran straightened himself up, measured Maharg with a lovely left-hand punch, and then crossed him with a right. It put the Scot flat on his back, out cold.

Liverpool Stadium—the graveyard of champions—was off to a flier.

Ginger Foran, who died quite recently, was an extraordinary boy. He went on to fight for a world title. Then he went to the United States, took out naturalisation papers and fought with the Americans at Okinawa.

NOT SO FAR

It seems a far cry from the Liverpool Stadium to Okinawa, but maybe it isn't so far. For this matter, the way it seems to me now, after all these years and the handling of fighters from every part of the world, it doesn't seem to be far from the Liverpool Stadium to anywhere.

The tumult and the shouting have died, and the last reluctant fan has departed. We are alone, Johnny Best and I, in a room with a glass window looking down into the deserted stadium, its neat array of seats encircling the empty ring like a detachment of strategic troops.

Here, the greatest boxers of the half-century have battled and won and lost, Johnny Best waves a hand at the expressionless window and begins to talk.

You see out there a dream come true. They called me mad when I talked to them about what I had in my heart. The old stadium in Pudsey Street was sold over our heads to an American film company for conversion into a super-cinema.

Bookie Broke His Own Rules—Not To Bet; Lost £27,000

By BERTRAM JONES

Sydney.

Nothing seemed to go right for bookie Charles Howie after the day he broke his own rule not to bet and lost £27,000 in one reckless, top-hatted afternoon.

And last week he died alone and in rags. Life had been fun to Charlie Howie until that day in January, 1935. Impeccably dressed, he drove his private limousine to the race courses and pinned £100 notes to his betting board to advertise his means.

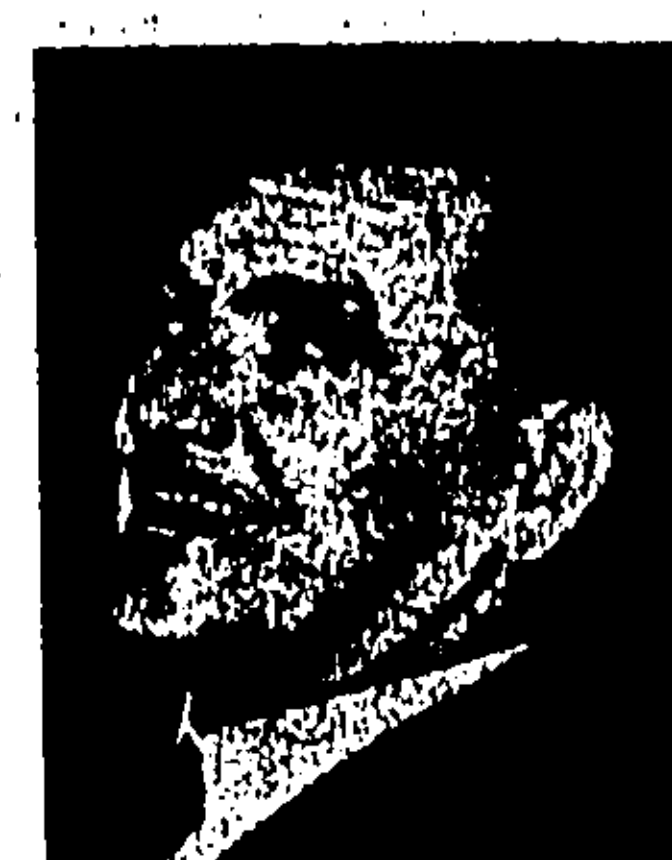
He enjoyed a dinner and a cigar in expensive restaurants. Gay friends flocked to parties in his big suburban house.

A string of horses carried his own racing colours and, on good days, he would walk among the race course crowds tossing handfuls of silver and would laugh to see them scrambling.

Charlie Howie had a cool quarter-million in the bank, people said.

Until that day. All he lost at first after breaking his rule was £275. He determined to get it back. That was how his £27,000 went. And somehow Charlie Howie just kept on going down after that.

ONLY MEMORIES
Down, until the big house, the limousine, the horses, and the gay friends too—were only memories. Down, until a packing-case shack lined with



JOHNNY BEST

It looked as if boxing in Liverpool, apart from a few spasmodic promotions in odd theatres and halls, was dead. I decided that it was not, for I knew my town, and I knew that their blood tingled to the fight game as mine always has.

So I conceived the idea of a permanent home for the sport—and here it is, unique of its kind.

Unique? Why, certainly it is, for it was designed and built for no other purpose than boxing. Nowadays, with the shortage of class fighters, we do other things with the hall as well. But there it is—a monument to the fight game and, more truly than a lot of them know, a graveyard of champions.

The round, scarp-like face relaxes in a smile and the short legs cross and recross happily as he goes on.

You see, in those dark days when I was trying to sell the idea of a permanent boxing stadium, this really was a grave yard. There was a church too—St Paul's—and you could have knocked me down with a fly-weight one day in the throes of the old stadium when I saw that St Paul's had been found to be unsafe and was to be pulled down.

The railway company owned the ground it stood on, and before anybody knew really what I was up to, I had a 21-year lease of the site and a small company of hand-picked (by me) business men to back me as managing director.

GREATEST THRILL
You ask me what, in fifty years of boxing, has been my greatest personal thrill? Don't think me egotistical, but really—even considering all the great ones I have seen and even boxed with—the greatest thrill of all was the creation of this stadium to be the home of boxing in the greatest fight-town in the world.

One knows that boxing can be a bitter, cruel business, but it is merely a projection of the raw stuff of life itself and Johnny Best, who is approaching his 35th year, and his son, John, in his early forties, are the highest expression of it to be found.

But he goes on.... You can imagine the passions that were stirred in Liverpool when it was known that I intended to build a boxing-hall on a graveyard.

The churches campaigned against the project immediately. Petitions were organised and

I cannot look at it without seeing again all the great figures who've climbed through these ropes. The great Welshman have fought for me—Freddie Welsh and Jim Driscoll I saw, of course, but of these more later.

Our own Neil Tarleton and Ernie Roderick and Peter Kane—they were all Stadium boys.

Why, we've staged more than 10,000 fights and produced something like a dozen national champions, not to mention a couple who fought for world titles. Is there another town anywhere in the country, or in the world, that can produce a record like that?

The speaker turns away from the window and places his hand on his heart as he ends.

And I can look inside here—and go anywhere.

THREE TOPPLED
There was Ginger Foran beating Jim Maharg, the Scots Flyweight Champion. Ernie Roderick beat Billy Quinlan, and Jim Hunter, another Scottish champion, was beaten on a six-round knock-out by Jimmy Steward.

They got their money's worth that first night 23 years ago. The little father of Mersey-side boxing crosses once more to the expressionless window and waves down into the deserted place, the roped square pale and ghostly in its centre. He looks wistfully for a moment or two, and looking down into the gloom says....

CCC TENNIS CHAMPION
Joseph Hsu's four-year reign as king of the Craigengower Cricket Club tennis courts, came to a sudden conclusion yesterday when he was defeated by E. Paine. In a four-set struggle before a large crowd of club members and friends, Paine won 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 11-9.

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Gas Turbine Power For Industry And Shipping

BRITISH DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PAST TEN YEARS

By GEOFFREY WALLER

Former author of the gas turbine section of the "Oil
Engine and Gas Turbine," and co-author of "The
Gas Turbine Manual," both published in London

Since 1945, more than 100 different designs of non-aircraft gas turbine ranging in output from 30 horsepower to 35,000 horse-power have been developed in various parts of the world, the biggest individual contributor being Britain, with a total of over 40 projects in hand.

These turbines have been applied to a wide variety of duties, including electricity generation, gas and liquid pumping, marine propulsion and railway locomotion. They have chiefly been of the internal combustion type, burning light or heavy oils, natural or process gases, tars, coal, peat or sawdust, but a few have derived their energy solely from the waste heat of industrial plants such as gasworks and chemical works.

Because most of the develop-ment effort on industrial gas turbines has been confined to the post-war years, there is a tendency to assume that these engines are based on the well-known "jet" of the aircraft world. In point of fact, all the essential principles of the combustion turbine were patented by John Barber, of Nuneaton, England, in 1791. The first working gas turbine was demonstrated in France in 1905, and, during the 1930s, a Swiss concern marketed a number of high-performance gas turbines of modern layout. This activity preceded the first flight of a jet-propelled aircraft by several years.

Under the stress of the 1939-46 war and the uneasy peace that followed, vast resources were turned to jet-engine develop-ment, and a whole new field of gas turbine technology was opened up. Much of the work

of purely aeronautical signifi-cance, but great advances were made in high-temperature metallurgy and in the knowledge of airflow phenomena in com-pressors and turbines. When the fruits of this research were made available to industry, the gas turbine emerged on paper as an attractive prime mover which might supplant the steam tur-bine, diesel engine and petrol engine in many important ap-plications.

A factor which must be taken into account when discussing the gas turbine is the bewildering number of sizes and forms in which this engine can be built to meet virtually any power re-quirement. Small gas turbines of between 30 and 250 horse-power are compact, simple, light in weight, rather heavy on fuel, and of relatively short life. Large gas turbines in the power bracket from 10,000 to 30,000 kilowatts are frequently bulky, heavy, complex, highly efficient and designed for a life of at least 100,000 hours.

Between these extremes are numerous medium-output sets of light and heavyweight type, varying in size and complexity according to the thermal efficiency achieved. The buyer will find that the price of simplicity is generally a higher rate of fuel consumption.

Experience built up during the past decade allows a realistic

assessment to be made of the gas turbine's immediate prospects. Already the medium-output gas turbine has become established for various industrial tasks where its simplicity, light weight, compactness, quick starting, lack of vibration and freedom from cooling water are useful ad-vantages, and a high-grade fuel is available at an economic price. Such an application is the pump-ing of natural gas through long-distance pipelines, as is done on a major scale in North America. One British gas turbine maker is supplying engines to the Italian natural-gas industry and there are hopes that Pakistan will later become a customer for these products.

In all cases where transport-able power is needed, the gas turbine is making rapid head-way against its competitors. Generating sets capable of being carried on road vehicles, in rail wagons or aircraft, have been supplied to both civil and military buyers. A lucrative market is opening up for very small hand-started gas turbines driving generators or water pumps, or supplying compressed air. The relatively high fuel consumption of these simple units is of little significance, as they are not normally called upon to operate for extended periods.

The use of gas turbines in power stations is chiefly confined to areas where a suitable fuel is obtainable at low cost and al-ternative prime movers have local disadvantages. At present,

the burning of solid fuels in gas turbines is purely experimental and the cheaper grades of oil, such as bunker fuels, often give rise to ash troubles in the turbine blades. While progress is being made in solving these problems, schemes are in hand to reduce fuel costs by utilising the waste heat in the turbine exhaust gases. Good modern gas tur-bines have thermal efficiencies between 17 and 27 per cent; with exhaust heat recovery, their overall heat utilisation can exceed 75 per cent. By com-parison, a diesel engine gives without waste heat recovery about 35 per cent thermal efficiency and steam turbines are in the 25 to 35 per cent range.

Among the maritime nations, Britain was the first to recognise the great contribution that the gas turbine can make to marine engineering, both in the main propulsion and auxiliary roles. As a result of British pioneering, there is no longer any doubt that the gas turbine will find an important place in the marine picture.

Merchant ships will be engined with high-efficiency gas turbines of conservative design, burning boiler oils and operating for thousands of hours between overhauls. Naval vessels, on the other hand, will be equipped

with compact and powerful "spring" turbines capable of developing full power within minutes of a cold start.

This confidence now felt in British sea-going gas turbines is illustrated by the recent an-nouncement that the Shell tanker Auris is to be re-engined with a single 5,500-shaft horse-power gas turbine in place of the three diesel engines and one gas turbine which power her at present. This vessel already has the distinction of being the world's first merchant ship to include a gas turbine and made history some years ago by crossing the Atlantic on gas tur-bine power alone. Now she is to become the first ship in the mercantile marine to rely solely on gas turbines for her power requirements.

As to the future, it is worth remembering that the gas tur-bine is still in the early stages of its development life. The in-troduction of improved com-ponents and such technical advances as cooled turbine blades will markedly reduce fuel consumption and hence strengthen the gas turbine's competitive position.

Another significant point is that the gas turbine can be married to a nuclear reactor and used to generate relatively inexpensive power on sites far from any water supply; the im-portance of this to countries con-taining vast arid areas can scarcely be exaggerated, for it opens up the possibility of sup-porting large populations in parts of the world formerly thought to be almost uninhabitable.

Playthings For The
Modern ChildNew Toys That Will Be Shown At The
1956 British Industries Fair

By Catherine Paul

IN this atomic age, when the space-man has become the popular hero of so many children, it is not sur-prising that a working model of a Space Radio Station will be one of the most diverting exhibits at the 1956 British In-dustry Fair at Earls Court, London, from February 22 to March 2. (Next year, the B.I.F. will be in three parts, the first at Earls Court, and the second and third at Olympia, London, and Castle Bromwich, Bir-mingham, from April 23 to May 4).

The Space Radio Station is, of course, made to work. The firm which produces it knows that the modern child is finicky about this sort of thing. But whether it will be as welcome to parents as undoubtedly it will be to their offspring is another matter, for, in addition to a switchboard which op-erates a revolving searchlight beam, it has a key and a buzzer for sending and receiving messages, an automatic de-coder and a logbook. To com-plete parental confusion, the equipment includes two walkie-talkie sets which operate up to half a mile (804.672 metres).

This ingenious toy is typical of the exhibits which 200 manufacturers will be showing at the B.I.F. in a Toy Fair which will be complete in it-

self. The production of child-ren's playthings in Britain is worth £280,000,000 a year—ten times more than in the days before World War II—and quality and originality keep the United Kingdom high on the list of the world's toy manufacturing countries.

Looking round at some of the products which will be on view at the B.I.F. and which manufacturers say are best sellers, you get some idea of the paradoxical catholicity of children's tastes. For equally as popular as the space-man's equipment are toy soldiers.

These are not just metal figures, but accurate reproductions of soldiers representing practically every regiment in the world, both in traditional and modern uniforms, and all so meticulously copied that not even the fussiest Regimental Sergeant-Major could find any fault.

The firm best known for its miniature armies is one which started 100 years ago and is still famous for them. They com-mence their German com-manders by introducing soldiers made of hollow-cast metal. The lead in world markets thus passed to Britain, which has held it ever since.

Toy Soldiers

"Attention to detail is of the utmost importance," one of the officials of this firm told me. "We have a special re-search department, and fre-quently consult experts at the War Office and various foreign embassies to ensure that our models are perfect."

Manufacturers seem to think that the wide popularity of television and various visual aids in schools account for the modern child's passion for verisimilitude. In any case, few designers take any risks. A member of the firm, which makes the soldiers, for in-stance, told me that their experts spend days at the Zoo to get exactly the right scale and colouring for their Zoo animal series.

Presumably the manufacturers also have good relations with a farmer, for in their popular farm sets, which have been in-crescent gain since the 1930s, not even the best-informed child could find any inaccuracies. Every conceivable modern farm implement is included, correct in detail and to scale, and workable. Then there is the ballroom, the child who is de-termined by this art; you can buy a whole corps de ballet as perfectly dressed as that which is the pride of London's Sadler's Wells and with each tiny figure perfectly poised.

Next in line for popularity, come jig-saw puzzles. The jig-saw is still a best-seller and a family favourite, in spite of television, and places as widely separated as South Africa, Aus-tralia and Singapore can never have enough.

Some of these puzzles have an instructional as well as an enter-tainment value, like the box of four garden puzzles with a key for identifying each flower made by the firm which specialises in jig-saws. Those for the very young are made in bright colours and with specially large pieces, so that small hands can cope with them, and there are jig-saws which a child can paint himself, with numbered colours and easy instructions.

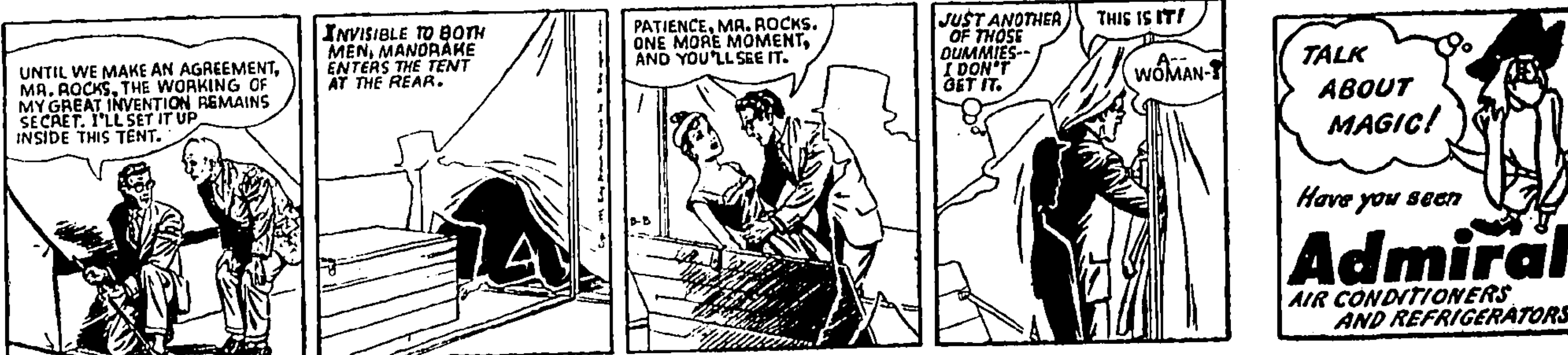
For The Young Cook

No woman can begin too early to practise her cooking, and the manufacturers responsible for the Space Station also produce some first-class miniature cook-ing equipment for the miniature cook. With this she can make real cakes and prepare a whole dinner for a family of dolls. Painting is another recreation guaranteed to keep the family quiet, and in February this firm will show a completely new type of three-dimensional paint-ing outfit moulded in rigid plastic. One of these is a model village—accurate in every detail, it is needless to say. With the paints supplied, the child can indulge his creative imagination and colour his village to pro-duce any effect he wants. When the time of day has passed, wash the model clean and start again.

Beach playthings, too, get more elaborate every year. Friendly-looking whales and ducks, in the form of rubber toys, can be slipped over a child's body for support. They make their bow at the B.I.F. But they will have strong com-petition in the night, instead swim fins which come from the same factory. These have the same sort of the spring-like in-teraction as a large London bus, which means that when they are slipped on, the child can swim in the water.

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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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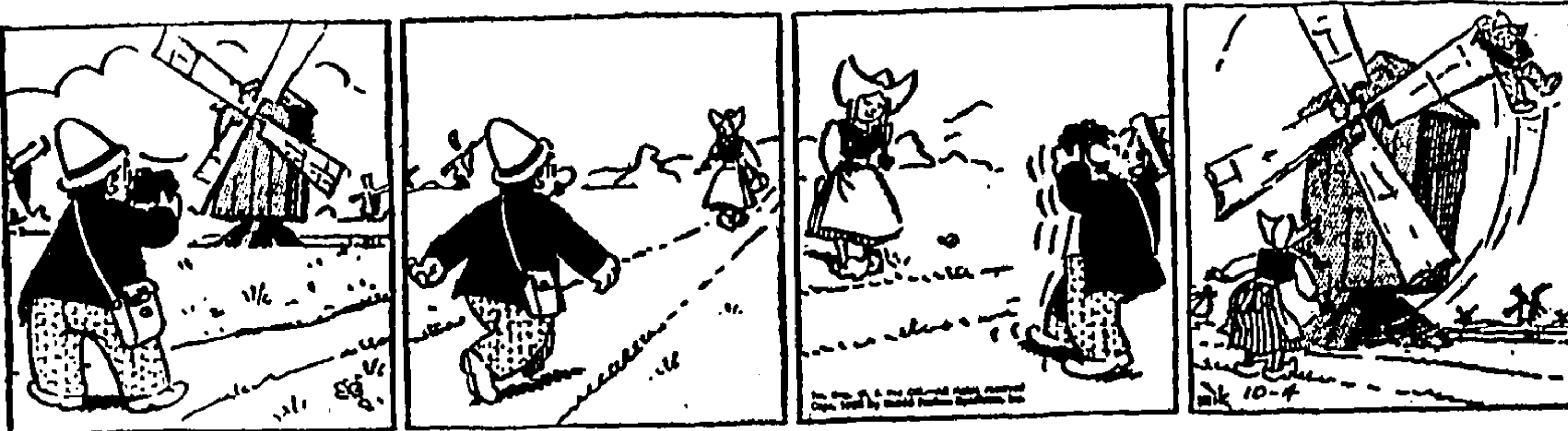
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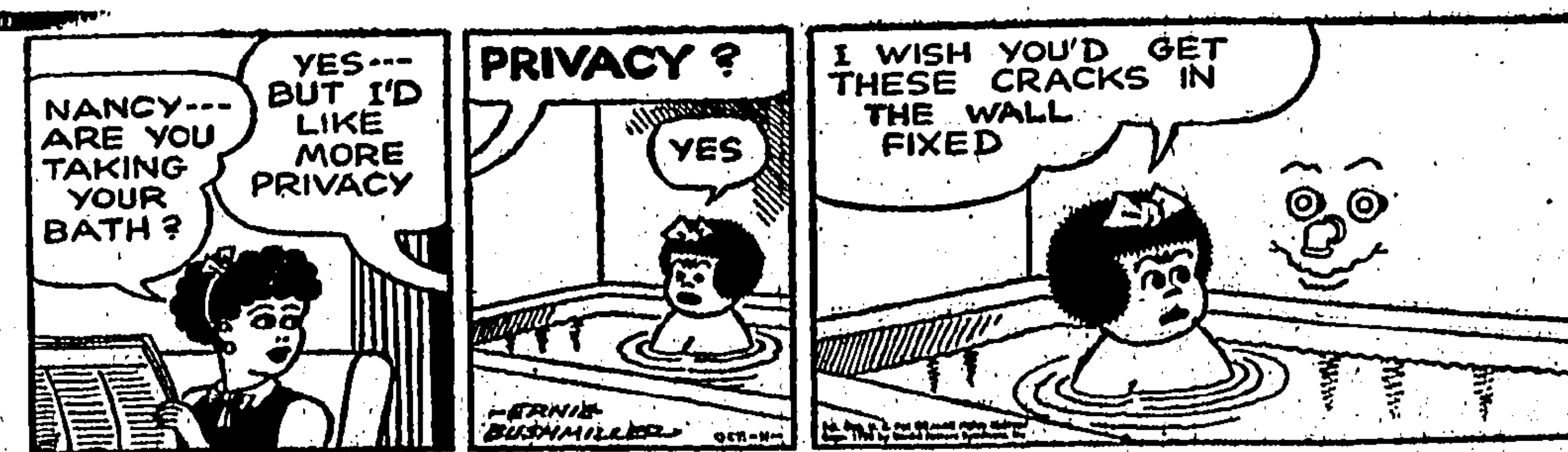
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Talk Of Further Expansion

Int'l Sugar Council Faces Collapse

By Laurence Meredith

London, Dec. 4. Faced with the imminent collapse of the International Sugar Agreement, the International Sugar Council at its meeting in London last week decided to ask the United Nations to call a world conference for next year to draw up a new agreement to meet the present realities of the world sugar trade.

A threat by the Philippines to walk out of the agreement unless it was revised and formalized, announced withdrawal are understood to have been the deciding factors which convinced the 23-nation Council that a new agreement was urgently necessary.

The most pressing problem which faced the Council at this session was the tremendous increase of production not only by numbers but also by non-member countries which threw sugar's statistical position as envisaged in the present agreement completely out of balance.

Position Acute

Cuba, as the world's leading producer, has expressed her dissatisfaction with the agreement since it was first drawn up three years ago. But the position has now become acute with the revival of sugar production in the Asian countries which have been members of the International Agreement. The agreement was drawn up at a time when the sugar industries were still small and by their struggle to survive in the early post-war years.

Dissatisfaction with the "unreal" quota caused Indonesia to stay out of the present agreement, resulting in France's announcement last week that she was withdrawing, and produced the Philippines threat to withdraw which was made this week at the Council meeting that ended last Thursday.

Since the new agreement came into effect, the Chairman has always been a representative of the consuming countries—first Baron Kromacker of Belgium and then Laurence Meyers of the U.S.—United Press.

New York Stocks Reverse Recent Tendency

By Elmer Walzer

New York, Dec. 4. The stock market last week reversed a recent tendency. This time the market was better than the averages.

The averages fell back moderately—industrials by 0.16; rails by 2.38, and 65 stocks by 0.53. The utilities managed to rise 0.56 point.

While some of the leaders retreated on profit-taking, new buying came into issues that recently had been behind the market.

Some issues showed indications that tax selling had run its course and these also joined the rise.

Steels Best

Chrysler fell 2 1/2 and General Motors nearly 2 points on firming prices for steel. Du Pont lost more than 3. Continental Oil was down 5. The mail orders lost more than 4 each. Union Pacific was down 7 1/2. In the railroads, Pullman fell 7 1/2 and Brown Shoe 6 1/2. When the Justice Department announced its decision, the market temporarily.

Stocks performed best in the rail section of the industrial group. Benefiting more than 3 points. Oil produced several good gains also. American

In US Industry

BACKLOG OF ORDERS MOUNTS AS THE SHORTAGE OF CRITICAL MATERIALS GROWS

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Dec. 4.

Despite lots of talk about inflation in the United States, the emphasis was on expansion rather than on curtailment of operations.

Unfilled orders are still mounting, as business optimism shows no signs of dampening. Steel plants are far behind on shipments. So are railway car builders. There are all kinds of shortages in critical materials—copper, nickel, aluminium, cement, glass, platinum, and newsprint. And it doesn't look like the pinch will lift next year, according to new expansion plans being put together by the nation's manufacturers.

According to one survey, expenditures for new plants and equipment in 1956 will be 13 per cent greater than in 1955. Manufacturers are scheduling a 30 per cent increase next year.

Elsewhere, business men are beset with a host of problems which crop up in a booming economy. Some lines are "straining at the seams."

More and more business reports have been emphasizing the problems of prosperity—scarce materials, transportation bottlenecks, rising prices and tight money," it noted.

Labour Scarce

Labour—especially for the Christmas season—is becoming scarce.

As the Wall Street Journal quoted one businessman: "They were pretty much at the bottom of the labour barrel. About all we can get is warm bodies."

And so it goes. And this confidence appears to have carried over into the stock market also. Prices continued to show selective steadiness, despite recent pressure and uncertainties arising from President Eisenhower's drive.

Prices are now nearer to earlier highs, news of the President's heart attack cashed away some 40 points in the Dow-Jones industrial average. The market comeback is now taken as added proof of the economy's vigour.

Credit restraints are considered by many now as good for the long-range health of the economy. And not a few Wall Street experts now look for a year-end rise in the stock market to above 500 in the Dow-Jones

Industrial average and to more than 170 in the railroad average.

At Wednesday's close the industrial average of 30 stocks was 483.20, that of the railroads, 166.05.

These would be bull market highs—a record high for the industrial average and the best since 1929 for the railroads. A rise late in 1955 would bear out precedent in Wall Street.

The market usually experiences a year-end rally when the ceiling is off the way and the recipients of them elect to reinvest their piled up dividends. Such a rise, it is noted, does not indicate that the whole market will participate. Brokers call attention to recent selectivity which has lifted prices of a few issues sufficiently to make the averages look strong.

Here is what financial circles mention as favouring the market in the last month of the year:

Eight Points

1. Vast amounts of money available for stock market purchases.
2. The tradition of a year-end rally which makes for right psychological attitude toward buying.
3. Anticipated further stock split-ups and higher dividends payments.
4. An atmosphere of record reports on general business. At this time of year the economists and businessmen publish predictions of what is to come and estimate the results for the year.

5. Coming of an election year in which it is expected the Administration will try to keep business high and the market in a favourable mood.

6. Prospects for easier money rates in the new year.

7. Prospects for tax reduction in 1956, including hopes that the capital gains tax may be modified from the current 25 per cent rate.

8. A spurt of buying as America spends its money on its biggest Christmas in history.

Standard & Poor's Investment analysts say that restoration of investor confidence, along with favourable corporate trends, is providing the market with support. Recent credit restraints may tend to curb the general bullishness, it added, but this would not rule out the likelihood of intermittent periods of overall market strength.

Overall Exuberance

Meanwhile, estimates of corporate earnings this year continue to be revised upward. That makes good reading for millions of Americans. It also adds to the overall business exuberance.

This year's earnings of industrial corporations will be the highest on record, notes Standard & Poor's. The agency looks for an increase of 32 per cent over 1954. Dividends will also establish a new peak.

The statistical agencies revised their estimates of corporate earnings for 1955 follow, with the 1954 actual given in brackets: Industrials, \$37.90 (\$26.76); rails, \$13.70 (\$9.94); utilities, \$4.70 (\$3.40).

Dividends for 1955, compared with 1954: Industrials, \$17.30 (\$15.02); rails, \$5.10 (\$4.48); utilities, \$4.00 (\$3.00).

But many investors are also taking into account the outlook for 1956 in evaluating their investments. Most experts look

for continued high level of activity—possibly somewhat better than 1955.

One source predicted that even though profits may shade off a bit in 1956, corporations will probably retain less of their earnings next year, passing them out more to shareholders.

Elsewhere

The US News and World Report forecast for 1955-56: "Profits of all corporations together in 1955 will be about 27 per cent above 1954. In 1956 a decline of about 6 per cent seems likely. Dividends in 1955 will be about 8 per cent above 1954. In 1956, a further gain of 5 to 6 per cent is by no means unlikely."

Elsewhere in the economy, some quarters are worrying about where the short supplies of copper, steel, cement and other materials are going to come from to take care of the expected surge on building and plant construction next year. On the theory that defense output will probably not be cut, one observer, Mr. Pennington-Hall, notes that the "only major source of materials for essential long-term expansion of capacity would seem to be a cut-back for autos, the biggest metal user."

"That cutback could come automatically if customers place a bit and stop buying cars at their recent all-time record pace. If they don't, some form of official or semi-official priorities for scarce metals may have to be set up to assure essential expansion projects the materials they need."

Cutback Possible

A modest 10 per cent decline in auto sales, the agency said, could release the actual equivalent of close to three million tons of steel for other uses. A 20 per cent decline to the still respectable level of 0.5 million cars per year would provide more leeway for needed expansion in machinery and equipment, bright cars roadbuilding and other public works.

This cutback may already be in the making, according to available statistics. In the first ten days of November, dealers now car sales slipped to the lowest level since early January, 7 per cent below the month earlier pace. This is still 59 per cent over the 1945 pace.

Dealer stocks of new cars—as of November 10—totalled 39 per cent more than the October 10 level and 98 per cent above a year-ago—United Press.

Refusal To Stop Rubber Imports

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 4. The British Government has refused to halt imports of American synthetic rubber into Britain as Malaysia requested.

Economic Affairs Minister, Mr. Oscar Spencer told the Malaysian Federal Legislative Council today.

Rubber representatives on the Council have severely criticized British rubber manufacturers' plans to import 70,000 tons of American synthetic rubber into Britain.

Mr. H. E. Campbell, Chairman of the Rubber Producers' Council, told the Council that the country's rubber industry is in a "very bad way."

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Dulles Against Jap Quota Legislation

Washington, Dec. 4. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today it would be "most unfortunate" if Congress passes a bill sponsored by more than 60 senators to fix import quotas on Japanese textiles.

He said this would strike a "serious blow" at the administration's trade programme.

He expressed this view in a letter to Sen. Margaret Chase Smith who made it public. She protested to Mr. Dulles in a letter dated Nov. 21 against the volume of textile imports from Japan.

Mr. Dulles wrote that he personally has asked Japanese Government officials for restraint on their textile exports to this country. He said Japan is working out such controls.

Not Peril Point

The Secretary said Japanese textile imports have not breached the "peril point" set up under the US reciprocal trade programme and that the textile industry has been reluctant to ask for an "escape clause" investigation under that programme.

The reciprocal trade law provides that when any imports reach a "peril point" that threatens domestic industry, the segment of industry concerned may seek relief by means of higher tariffs or port controls.

For these reasons, Mr. Dulles said, the State Department has no reason to agree with the US textile industry's claim it is being injured by Japanese imports.

Furthermore, Mr. Dulles said, cotton cloth imports during the first eight months of 1955, were slightly more than one per cent of domestic production and less than 1/5 of US exports of cotton cloth.

Referring to the quota bill Mrs. Smith mentioned, he said its passage "would be most unfortunate."

Serious Blow

"Such action would strike a serious blow at the Administration's foreign trade programme which the President has worked so hard to establish over the last three years," Mr. Dulles said.

Mr. Dulles also expressed fears that textile import quotas would force US efforts to sell in Japan which he said buys coal, oil and surpluses of cotton, wheat and rice from this country. He said Japan is the largest foreign buyer of American raw cotton.

—United Press.

Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, Dec. 4. The market opened steadily but eased on profit-taking and lack of support on Saturday. Preliminary total exports from Malaya for November at 89,075 tons caused sharp reaction upwards with more bullish sentiment in the market. Futures were:

No. 1 rubber per lb. Dec. 13 1/2-13 1/4, Jan. 12 1/2-12 1/4, Feb. 12 1/4-12 1/2, Mar. 12 1/4-12 1/2, Apr. 12 1/4-12 1/2, May 12 1/4-12 1/2, Jun. 12 1/4-12 1/2, Jul. 12 1/4-12 1/2, Aug. 12 1/4-12 1/2, Sep. 12 1/4-12 1/2, Oct. 12 1/4-12 1/2, Nov. 12 1/4-12 1/2, Dec. 12 1/4-12 1/2.

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Dec. 4. The Bank of England statement for the week ended November 30, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation: 1,700,000,000. Public deposits: 1,000,000,000. Private deposits: 2,000,000,000. Government securities: 2,000,000,000. Other securities: 2,000,000,000. Total: 10,000,000,000.

The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Dec. 4. This Bank of France statement for the week ended Nov. 30 reads as follows:

UK-West Germany Trade Talks

Rome, Dec. 4. Trade negotiations between the UK and West Germany for the conclusion of a new agreement will start early in 1956, according to reports here. The present agreement expires on December 31.

Preliminary discussions will take place here early in December to lay down the quotas for the number of goods which are still affected by trade regulations. Although 92.4 per cent of West German imports and 84.8 per cent of British imports are liberalised, some hard bargaining is expected on these quotas.

It is understood that Germany will press for increased exports of opacote to the UK, while Britain wishes to increase her exports of tea in packages. In addition, West Germany also wishes to discuss her exports of industrial manufactures, including motor vehicles. —China Mail Special.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By William T. Plunkett

New York, Dec. 4.

Cotton futures finished on higher ground for the fourth time in a row last week as traders became more conscious of political discussions aimed at keeping price support rigidly high next year.

With new crop deliveries leading the way, prices at Friday's close ruled 5 to 43 points—25 cents to 2.15 a bale—higher than the preceding week.

Although frequent reactions punctuated the rise, underlying market sentiment was supported by 1. Pressure for continued 90 per cent of parity supports next year; 2. Proposals for a soil bank plan which would take 25,000,000 acres out of production on surplus crops; 3. Strength of textile prices in face of broadening demand as the mill order backlog extended through the second quarter of next year.

Nearly months received support from the tight situation in the expiring December delivery, which in turn pointed up the heavy rate of production windings under the government loan.

Open Contracts

Only a few delivery notices appeared against the December contract where dealing will expire on Dec. 13. Open contracts in the spot month as the week closed approximated 180,000 bales. The certificated stock totalled 9,405 bales compared with the low of 5,509 bales on Nov. 14.

The spot month edged up to within striking distance of the 34 1/2 cent level, establishing a premium of almost \$5 a bale over the average loan rate, a margin sufficiently attractive to bring cotton into a deliverable position, traders thought.

Anticipating the government's final crop estimate of the season on Dec. 6, two private crop summaries made their appearance this week. They ranged from 15,200,000 to 14,843,000 bales.

Commentators thought the market had discounted a giant-sized crop prospect, and indicated any increases would mean that just that much more cotton will "wind" up in the government loan.

The net stock of 1955 crop cotton in government hands totalled 3,371,220 bales, at last count.—United Press.

US RAW COTTON EXPORTS

New York, Dec. 4. Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in bales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1955-56 season to Nov. 30 were as follows:

Britain 20,294,000, Continent 20,294,000, Orient 20,294,000, Canada 20,294,000, Total for season 20,294,000.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local exchange markets this week. The following rates were quoted: US dollar (per £1) 1.52, Australian dollar (per £1) 1.52, Canadian dollar (per £1) 1.52, Indian rupee (per £1) 1.52, Japanese yen (per £1) 1.52, Singapore dollar (per £1) 1.52.

HK Bank Shares

Drop £1 On London Market

By C. T. HALLINAN

London, Dec. 4.

Stock markets have had a very good week, if we measure the results by price advances, but not so good if we look at the volume of business done which was moderate.

The market's floating supply of leading industrial shares is very low and this accounts for some of the sharp rises such as the 8-shilling jump in Turner and Newall, the 7-shilling jump in Hudson's Bay and the 4-shilling rises in Rolls-Royce, Stewarts and Lloyds, Hawker Siddeley and others.

But the buying has been widely spread among the "blue chips" and the Financial Times index of industrials closed the week at 193.5 compared with 186.5 some three weeks ago.

Oils were active all week but the buying was generally matched by prompt selling and the prime changes were not very significant apart from Royal Dutch which fell 2 1/2 despite all the talk that the expensive shares are going to be split shortly into smaller and more popular units. Anglo-Egyptian "B" rose another 2 shillings six pence to 58s. 9d. but it is still a long way below its 1953 peak of 72s. 6d. Gold shares had some good days but ended without much change.

Govt Stocks Steady

British Government stocks earned appreciative comments by their steadiness all week; changes, both up and down, were slight.

There was a lot of buying of Japanese bonds with almost the whole lot moving up to levels just under their previous peaks. Tokyo 5 per cents, both assented and non-assented, jumped 4.8. Tokyo Electric, non-assented, jumped 2 1/2, and the assented 2 1/2; gains elsewhere ranged from 22 down to 1/4 sterling.

German Potash 7 per cents continued under pressure, losing 2 1/2, while the 6 1/2 per cents lost 2 1/2. On the other hand, Young Loan non-assented jumped 4 1/2 sterling while Dawes was quiet, advancing some 3/4 sterling. Chinese bonds lost ground.

Among bank shares, Hongkong and Shanghai fell 1 to 2.05 1/2 (peak this year was £101) and the National Bank of Egypt lost 1/4 sterling to £20 1/2.

British bank shares in-identally, are suffering from the "credit squeeze" which is naturally caused as shrinking their earnings; they are all bumping along the bottom but one would never guess it from their dignified bearing.—United Press.

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**JOHN CLARKE'S
 CASEBOOK**

Defaulter

SEEING Hermione, you might place her as a harassed doer of good works, the ideal stallholder whom one bazaar too many has undone.

The hero she wears has a restless habit of working itself into shapes not meant for her. The bit of pink chiffon round her neck seems to develop a truculent knot in the wrong place, and a kind of frozen hysteria.

With everything going against her in that fashion, Hermione does her best to get by. It is an uphill task. By trade she is a charlady. By inclination a drinking sort of woman, and whether she drinks for the pleasure or to drown her sorrows, the misery drink can subdue, is a matter she keeps to herself.

DISAPPOINTMENT

THE other day Hermione was due to appear at Marylebone court on a charge of having been found drunk the night before. She failed to appear.

This was something Hermione had never done before. Always in the bleary-early hours of the morning—at about half-past ten—she had surrendered herself to answer whatever charge was laid against her.

This time she failed, and her departure from her customary standards upset her very much. Hermione could think of only one means of alleviating the pain of disappointment in herself. She took a drink or two.

OH, MY DARLING

HERMIONE did her drinking around the Euston Road, within the jurisdiction of the Clerkenwell court. It was there next morning that she pleaded not guilty to having been drunk. A young policeman told of finding her staggering around. "Oh, my darling," said Hermione regretfully, "what lies, what shocking lies and all I was doing was asking you to take me in, because I felt so bad about not going to Marylebone."

She turned to the magistrate, Mr. E. G. Roberts, and said: "I had a hot pie, a nice hot pie, and a cup of tea, at a coffee stall, and I asked a boy to find me a policeman so I could give myself up for not going to Marylebone. The boy said there were no police, so I went off and found this one and another one, standing in a doorway."

JUST A COUPLE

"DID you arrest her because she wanted to be arrested?" the magistrate asked the policeman in the witness-box. "No, sir," he said, "I arrested her because she was drunk."

"They didn't want to take me, sir," Hermione pressed. "How much had you drunk?" Mr. Roberts asked Hermione. "Not very much, darling," she answered. "Just a couple of brown ales. I'm really drunk, I tell you. But I didn't."

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

A Scheme That Has Become A Mighty Achievement

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Nov. 29.

Earlier this month we welcomed our millionth post-war migrant—fittingly enough a newly married fair-haired lass now setting up her first home. This migration scheme which we launched in the closing stages of the war bears a little thinking about. Firstly, it is the only thing that we know of which meets with the approval of all political parties, both Labour and Liberals fostering the policy to the utmost.

The amazing thing about the programme is that in a little less than 10 years we have brought into this country a million strangers, some half of them from foreign lands who knew nothing of British ways, customs or even language.

Somehow we have put a roof over all their heads, we have fed them, taught them, provided them with work, and not only have we kept them in jobs, but the Commonwealth Employment Service still has on its books jobs for another 200,000.

GOOD RECORD

A country that is still relatively undeveloped, thousands of miles from the population centres of the world, has managed to achieve the greatest movement of mankind in history, and it is safe to say that none has suffered in the process and not one mouth has been left unfulfilled.

Which seems a pretty good record, one way and the other. And now we're going flat out after more. The Immigration Department has chartered the 13,000-ton liner Fairplay to avoid a threatened hold-up in the flow of British migrants to Australia. The Fairplay will leave Britain next week carrying 1470 migrants—and so the steady flow goes on from all countries and all nationalities.

MILD CAMPAIGN

It is less than a fortnight to polling day in a very lukewarm Federal election and we cannot remember a campaign that has caused so few arguments in hotels and clubs. The leaders and the various candidates are of course, hard at it but only the Ministers and the Ewatts are drawing the masses of customers.

The Prime Minister is still solidly following a policy of no promises—look what we've done, taking time off now and then to give a good newing to Doc Ewart. The Doc himself thunders nightly, standing before the Australian flag and put forward as a grand fighter. The Doc has a crack at anything that comes along, moving smoothly from snubbing a noisy interjection to rapping sharply the knuckles of two Roman Catholic bishops whose recent statements on Communism the Doc took as a crack against himself.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"These civil defence meetings are great—I used to have to bowl to get out for an evening!"

Student Charged With Bigamy

A 23-year-old student, John Him Mon, residing at 503 Lockhart Road appeared on trial on a charge of bigamy before Judge A. D. Scholes in the Victoria District Court this morning.

The charge alleged that on July 16, 1955, in this Colony, the accused married Li Sun-chee during the life of his wife, Chiu Yuet-chung.

A second charge of perjury against the accused was adjourned at 2.30 p.m. on December 9 for a new date to be fixed. An application for the two charges to be tried separately was made by Mr. D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, who said that he was unable to call Li Sun-chee, an essential witness to the perjury charge, until he had satisfied the Court that she was not accused's wife.

Mr. F.H.B. Wong of Messrs C.Y. Kwan and Company is appearing for the accused.

Mr. Greenfield said that accused was a native of Tot Shan county in Kwangtung province and it was the case for the Crown that at the relevant time of his first marriage accused was domiciled in China, being his first marriage accused never lost his domicile of origin. It was in this condition that the accused married, by Chinese custom, Chiu Yuet-chung, sometime in 1947, said Mr. Greenfield. This custom involved the use of the bride arriving in a red chair, the formal wedding of the family tablets of ancestors of the accused and a ceremonial reception.

Mr. Greenfield said that after the Court had heard the evidence of Chiu Yuet-chung and of some of accused's relatives who were present at the marriage ceremony and the Crown was calling an expert on Chinese law to support its case—it would have heard that this amounted to a marriage according to Chinese law and custom.

WENT TO CANADA

In 1950 accused came to Hongkong with his wife and lived in the house of a friend who would be called as a witness in the case. Later the same year accused's wife returned to China and lived with her father-in-law. Shortly afterwards the accused went to Canada where he remained for several years.

Mr. Greenfield said that accused came back to Hongkong in 1955 and went through a formal marriage with another person. His wife heard some report of it and returned to the Colony.

SHAKING 'EM UP

The thoughtful plumbers around these parts may shortly take a pull on themselves. The Metropolitan Water Board has decided to cancel the licence of plumbers whose work and charges are unsatisfactory.

The first one came under the axe at the last meeting of the Board when it was reported that a plumber had not completed a job he had started last February.

Red Delegation

A delegation of women from Communist China arrived here today for an eight-day tour of West Pakistan.

Perjury Trial: 4 Witnesses Give Evidence

The trial of a former Social Welfare Office employee, Lam Hoi-cheung, 36, charged with perjury, continued before Judge Reynolds at the Victoria District Court this morning.

Lam, who was on bail of \$5,000, is defended by Mr. Y. H. Chan, of Messrs Lau, Chan and Ko. Mr. W. S. Collier and Mr. Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting.

The accused, a former assistant relieving officer, faces eight counts of perjury. It is alleged in the first that on November 30, 1954, Lam, as a witness in the trial of Cheung Kam-wah, Chow Ching-yiu, Au Shu-sang, Ng Hau, So Ping-kwong and Mary Daisy Wong (alias Wong Mang-tung), knowingly and falsely swore that he did not know Mary Daisy Wong (sixth accused).

The second count alleged that Lam falsely swore he did not remember ever before having seen Mary Daisy Wong; the third count, that he had not met sixth accused at the house of one Koo Ying-ming in January 1953; the fourth, that he did not know a person named Koo Ying-ming of Leighton Hill Road; the fifth, that he had never gone to Mary Daisy Wong's flat at 57 Ruton Building, Duddell Street; the sixth, that he had never been in the company of sixth accused; the seventh, that he had not played mahjong in company with her in a bungalow occupied by Koo in Deep Water Bay shortly before Chinese New Year in 1953; the eighth, that two visiting cards on which he had written certain words, in fact, "Miss Wong, Ruton Building, third floor, Duddell Street," were given to him by two friends of his from Japan as an introduction to a Miss Wong other than sixth accused.

COUNSEL OBJECTS

The first witness this morning was Mr. Philip Law, formerly clerk of the Victoria District Court, who stated that he remembered the trial of Mary Daisy Wong to a certain extent. He said that he kept some notes during the trial, and produced eight volumes of the notes by the judge and himself.

Defence Counsel objected to the notes being produced in Court as a record of witness' evidence during the previous trial, and said that the notes should only be used to refresh the memory of witnesses in this case.

Mr. C. N. Li, Assistant Social Welfare Officer, testified that he knew the accused as Lam Hoi-cheung, and had known him for a long time.

Lam worked in the same department as himself, witness went on to say, and has done so for many years.

Witness recalled a case in which Mary Daisy Wong and five others were accused of malpractices in relation to settlement matters, and said that he remembered Lam giving evidence in the case.

WIDELY REPORTED

Mr. Li agreed with Crown Counsel that the case had been widely reported in the local Press.

Moroccan Government In Making

Rabat, Dec. 4. Premier-designate Si Bekkal said today that he might be able to announce the composition of his new Moroccan Government on Tuesday.

Si Bekkal, who was designated Premier by Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef last week, met leaders of the Nationalist Istiqlal Party last night and delegates from the Nationalist Democratic Independent Party (PDI) today.

Bekkal was to meet Franco's Resident-General, M. Andre Dupont, later today. Sources close to Bekkal said he will report to the Sultan on his new Cabinet on Tuesday.

Questioned by newsmen on this report, Bekkal said: "That is not impossible."

MOTIONS ADOPTED

Meanwhile, the PDI's steering committee met in Tangier to draft its final reply on its membership in the Cabinet. The reply will be delivered to Bekkal tomorrow.

In a final meeting held today, the special congress of the Istiqlal Party adopted motions calling for the liberation of political prisoners and doing away with courts martial for civilians.

The Resident-General returned here by plane from a fact-finding trip to the Rif mountains in North Morocco, which is a terrorist stronghold.

Terrorists killed a Moroccan near here today and set fire to a car, a filling station and a tobacco shop here and in the town of Sale and Agadir.

In Marrakech, the body of a Moroccan, who had been stabbed at a public restaurant in a public square, was recovered by police.

PEEL ST FIRE THREE DEAD

Three dead bodies were found this morning in the four-story tenement house at 21 Peel Street, third floor, Central District, which earlier today had been gutted by fire. The victims were two women, 65-year-old Chan Mal and a 30-year-old Chang Ling, and a three-year-old boy, Ma Fai-hung. Scaffolding was raised this morning to support the shell of the burnt-out building.

Mail Notices

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

By Air
 Formosa, Japan, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
 Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
 By Surface
 Japan, Canada, 4 p.m.
 Malaysia, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 4 p.m.
 Macao, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

By Air
 Peking, Shanghai, Kuning, Hankow, 8 a.m.
 Thailand, 9 a.m.
 North Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, Noon.
 Guam, Hawaii, 1 p.m.
 Philippines, 1 p.m.
 India, 2 p.m.
 Malaysia, Indonesia, 2 p.m.
 Philippines, 3 p.m.
 Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
 Korea, 6 p.m.
 Japan, 6 p.m.
 Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.
 China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
 Burma, India, 1 p.m.
 Italy, France, 1 p.m.
 Macao, 1 p.m.
 Japan, 1 p.m.
 Formosa, 4 p.m.
 Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.
 Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

By Surface
 China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
 Thailand, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, 1 p.m.
 Macao, 1 p.m.
 Japan, 1 p.m.
 North Borneo, Hawaii, 2 p.m.
 Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

By Surface
 China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
 Thailand, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, 1 p.m.
 Macao, 1 p.m.
 Japan, 1 p.m.
 North Borneo, Hawaii, 2 p.m.
 Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

By Surface
 China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
 Thailand, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, 1 p.m.
 Macao, 1 p.m.
 Japan, 1 p.m.
 North Borneo, Hawaii, 2 p.m.
 Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

By Surface
 Formosa, 9 a.m.
 China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
 Macao, 1 p.m.
 Japan, 1 p.m.
 North Borneo, Hawaii, 2 p.m.
 Macao, 6 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Civic Association Invites Views

Sir—The Civic Association Executive Committee has been studying the preliminary reports presented by its sub-committees on the following matters:

- (a) Medical facilities available to students in primary and secondary schools in Hongkong, and Government's School Health Programme;
- (b) Medical facilities available to factory workers in the Colony;
- (c) The Cross Harbour Tunnel.

We would welcome the views of members of the public in connection with the above matters, either through the medium of the newspapers or addressed direct to the Civic Association, P.O. Box 184, Hongkong.